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May 7, 10 a.m.-Noon & 1- 3 p.m.
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Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351

Paint with Dad
May 7, 10 a.m.-Noon & 1- 3 p.m.
Arts and Humanities
Ada, Okla.
(580) 272-5520

IKBI: Build with Toy Bricks Exhibit
May 7-Sept. 11
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

Mother's Honor Day Celebration
May 7-8
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Chikasha Ittafama (Chickasaw Reunion)
May 13-14
Kullihoma
(580) 272-4537

Movie Night at the Museums
May 13, 8:30
Chickasaw National Capitol
Tishomingo
(580) 371-9835

Movie Night at the Museums
May 20, 8:30 p.m.
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(580) 371-9835

Armed Forces Honor Day
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Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

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(580) 371-3351

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Chickasaw White House
Milburn, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

South Pacific Auditions
May 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building
Ada, Okla.

Land protection, Indian Child Welfare Act supported

Inter-Tribal Council backs shared funds for Indian schools

CATOOSA, Okla. – The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes has passed a resolution encouraging the Bureau of Indian Education to develop a Joint Venture funding program similar to that used by the U.S. Indian Health Service.

The resolution was adopted during the Council's recent quarterly meeting in Catoosa.

With 55 of 78 Bureau of Indian Education schools in "poor" condition, the BIE has a backlog of more than $1.3 billion in construction and rehabilitation projects. Many BIE schools need immediate replacement and repair. Some of the schools have been on a priority list for a decade.

Tribes willing and able to partner with BIE could enter into a joint venture-like program with BIE by funding construction in exchange for fixed operations and maintenance costs.

The Council also backed legislation passed by the Oklahoma House of Representatives in March that amends the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974. The new bill defines "American Indian tribe" as any Indian tribe federally-recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and defines "American Indian" as a citizen or enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe. The council urged the Oklahoma Senate to approve the measure saying it "is an important bill that strengthens the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974."

Several other resolutions gained unanimous support of the council's voting members.

They include:

· Support for the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) mission, which fosters the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth to build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through involvement of its youth. It urged tribes to support the 2016 UNITY national conference in Oklahoma City July 22-26. Without the support from all Native Americans, UNITY cannot complete its mission, the council stated.

· Renewing a pledge of support for the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. The Act ensures Native children removed from their homes are adopted or cared for by relatives or in Native American homes. The council said the ICWA "is a vital part of federal Indian law legislation that is especially important to non-reservation tribes located in Oklahoma because a great number of our citizens do not reside in Indian Country," and asserted "a legal and media attack is currently being waged against ICWA which could have ramifications on all

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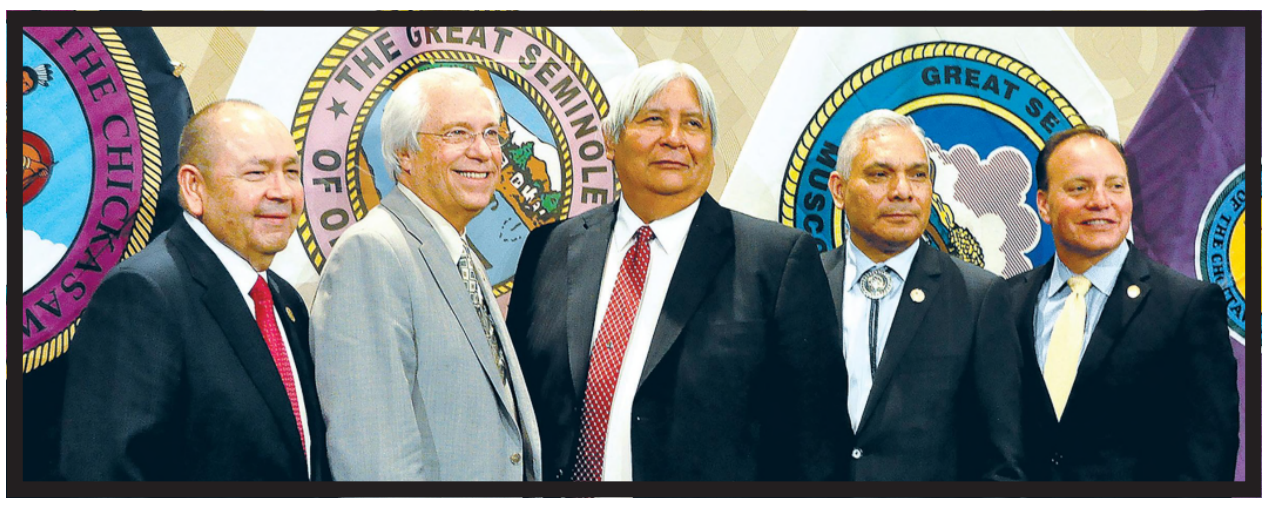

Leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes met in Catoosa April 8. They are, from left, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Cherokee Principal Chief Bill John Baker, Seminole Principal Chief Leonard Harjo, Muscogee Creek Principal Chief John Floyd and Choctaw Principal Chief Gary Batton.

Chickasaw students from Ada and Byng public schools show off gummy bear props used for their performance of "I Want Candy" during the 2016 Youth Language Fair at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Okla. The group won third place for its performance, and second for a rendition of the traditional song, "Wait Upon the Lord." See more photos, page 4.

Women's Center, EMS going up at Medical Center

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation broke ground on three facilities April 6 as it continues to improve and enhance wellness care for Native American families.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and tribal dignitaries were on hand to formally kick off construction of Nittak Himitta' Women's Recovery Center, and a Violence Prevention Center. In addition, the tribe broke ground on a new larger facility to house Emergency Medical Services.

The buildings will be located on the campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, located south of Ada on Stonecipher Boulevard.

Recovery Center and Violence Prevention Center

The tribe is dedicated to offering assistance to women and their children who experience domestic violence, sexual abuse or substance abuse.

Chickasaw Nation officials and dignitaries break ground on three new facilities to be located on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center campus. From left, Katie Case, legislator; Shana Tate-Hammond, legislator; Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court justice; legislator Dean McManus; Judy Goforth Parker, secretary of Health; legislator Connie Barker; legislator Mary Jo Green; legislator Toby Perkins; Gov. Anoatubby; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; legislator Nancy Elliott; Jay Keel, secretary of Family Services; Max Tahsuda, Indian Health Service, Angie Marino, EMS manager, and Jared Waters, executive officer of nursing at the medical center.

These services have been offered by the Chickasaw Nation since in 1994. Services were expanded in 2008. The new structure makes it possible to offer assistance to families – including children – beyond what is currently available.

"The family is the bedrock of any community," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The facility will have 12 bedrooms with eight private bathrooms. The new structure allows the tribe to provide shelter to more women while better serving abuse victims with large families.

"Those in need oftentimes have children in the home," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We will have the capacity to accommodate up to 20 children. Keeping family units together is our goal.

The tribe's initiative will increase the number of women the tribe is able to serve. Currently, the tribe has the capacity to serve four women at one time. The new facility will increase that to 12. It also allows for the inclusion of expectant women, or women with infants and children up to age 12. The structure will be 13,000 square feet.

The Women's Recovery Center and Violence Prevention Center will provide services at two locations. An indoor play area for children, large common spaces, an outdoor recreation space, enhanced security, an indoor safe room and computer workstations are planned.

Other amenities include emergency shelter, food, clothing, assistance with protective orders, case management, counseling,

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Don't forget! Artesian Arts Festival May 28 in Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. – Native art and artists will be featured and celebrated at the Artesian Arts Festival, Saturday, May 28 in Sulphur.

For the third year, the Chickasaw Nation is hosting the Memorial Day weekend arts festival at the Artesian Plaza. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and run through 8 p.m.

A community celebration of all forms of art, Native American artists and art are the main focus of the festival.

The event features diverse art media and a variety of visual art including paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, metalworking, bead work, textiles and pottery.

Approximately 100 Native artists from across the country will be represented during the 2016 Artesian Arts Festival.

Open to artists from all federally-recognized tribes, artists will compete in 21 categories. Cash awards will be presented for first, second and third place in each category, as well as "Best of Show."

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GOP floor leader

Lisa Billy completing Oklahoma House term

Lisa Johnson Billy is "termed out."

That is the Oklahoma vernacular indicating a state legislator has completed 12 years in office. The state imposes term limits on both state senators and representatives.

State Rep. Billy (R-Purcell) - the first Chickasaw, first Native, first woman to ever represent Oklahoma's District 42 – sees her service to the people of her district come to a close this year.

"What an incredible opportunity to have served all 12 years in the House of Representatives," Rep. Billy said. "It has truly been an honor to serve."

Rep. Billy's list of legislative accomplishments is impressive. However, she may be most proud of founding the first Oklahoma Native American caucus at the state capitol. Support for the bipartisan caucus was, she said, minimal at first.

"Our idea was to establish a Native American caucus that included members of both parties and fostered good working relationships," Rep. Billy said. "It was slow going at first. But it took off and is, I believe, very successful, particularly at highlighting issues of important to Indian people."

Along the way, Rep. Billy has served in the House as assistant whip, assistant floor leader, and

LISA BILLY

now is House majority floor leader.

Her leadership skills are appar-

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Apply now for Diabetes Camp

Chickasaw Nation Department of Health diabetic patients, ages 13 and older, are invited to register for Diabetes Camp, June 13-17, at the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center in Sulphur, Okla.

Deadline for registration is May 20.

Diabetes Camp is a great experience that educates patients on proper nutrition, exercise and preventive measures to help control blood sugar.

The camp is free for the camper and one guest. All campers and guests must provide a medical release form.

To learn more, contact the Diabetes Care Center at (800) 851-9136, extension 82252.

Upcoming Events Cont'd

Coffee & Careers
May 24, 2-6 p.m.
Carl Albert Service Center
Ada
(580) 436-7259

Artesian Arts Festival
May 28
Sulphur
(580) 272-5520

Memorial Day Celebration
May 28-29
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Imanoli Writers' Conference
June 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Arts and Humanities Building
Ada
(580) 272-5520

Pine Needles Basket Class
June 4, 10 a.m.-Noon & 1- 3 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol
Tishomingo
(580) 371-9835

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ent, not only through the offices she holds, but through the legislation she has authored and carried through the process.

She was author of the bill that reduced state control over tribal housing authorities. She also authored a bill that clarified the procedures for tribal law enforcement when state crimes are committed on tribal land.

She found that important tribal documents, including treaties and other agreements, were being improperly stored and, as a consequence, deteriorating. She wrote the bill that ensured proper housing of important tribal documents at the Oklahoma History Center.

Education and tribal culture are important to her. Rep. Billy's legislation guaranteed tribal languages would be included as part of Oklahoma's core curriculum for language. As a result of the bill, students may now take a tribal language as an alternative to Spanish or French.

She sponsored a House Resolution that honors the Indian code talkers of World War II. She invited families of Chickasaw and Choctaw code talkers to the House to be honored. That day turned out to be a big challenge as Rep. Billy realized a number of House members were considering voting against the resolution.

"It had taken me many years of building trusting relationships with my colleagues in order to bring this resolution up for a vote," she said. "There were members of the House who had not committed to the resolution, and there was talk they were going to object."

She said she prayed about the situation and asked God for favor.

"I wanted unanimous support," she said. "Many of the people who came to honor their grandfathers were elderly."

She realized some of her colleagues simply were not aware of the legacy of the code talkers. She spent the day visiting and revisiting other House members. In the end, she met with success and the House voted unanimously for the resolution.

"I personally thanked all the members after the vote," she said. "I learned this kind of leadership from Gov. Anoatubby. He has taught me by example to love and walk in forgiveness, to be respectful and honorable."

Rep. Billy, her husband Phillip, have three children. Rep. Billy is a former Chickasaw tribal legislator and the daughter of Chickasaw elder and former tribal legislator Frank Johnson, Sr.

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tribes and Indian children and families."

· A request to museums and research institutions promoting the history, art, language and culture of the Five Tribes to require proof of tribal citizenship of artists who claim to be affiliated with the tribes. The request comes because many artists who claim to be part of the Five Tribes are not enrolled as members or citizens.

· A request of emergency supplemental funding to slow the spread of the Zika virus to avert a "wave of preventable birth defects" and to protect pregnant women, infants and children from the devastating infection. The Zika virus is mostly contracted in foreign countries, however, mosquitoes carrying the virus have been detected in the southern United States.

· A resolution against Oklahoma State Question 777 which will be on November's general election ballot. The question would prohibit state legislators from passing laws necessary to protect the lands, lives and farms of Oklahoma citizens, including Native Americans of the Five Tribes who live in Oklahoma. The council elaborated by saying citizens of the Five Tribes farm and raise livestock and have a "responsibility to ensure land, air and water are protected and preserved for the next seven generations." In order to continue the lifestyle, the legislature must be involved in agriculture's future to protect Native and non Native American farmers, the resolution states.

· Support for State Question 780, which reclassifies certain low-level crimes such as simple possession of drugs, in addition to property offenses under $1,000 as misdemeanors rather than felonies. Passage of the bills would save taxpayers by lowering the amount of money spent annually in Oklahoma to incarcerate individuals who break such laws.

· Support for State Questions 781, which is linked to passage of 780. It sends the savings back to local communities for mental health and substance abuse treatment, job training and employment programs. Currently, the state budget for corrections is approximately $500 million per year, an increase of 172 percent over 20 years, the council pointed out. Oklahoma jails more women than any other state and is second nationally in total incarceration, the council noted. Inter-Tribal Council resolution 16-12 states passage of the questions "will allow Oklahoma to invest tax dollars in local communities to rehabilitate citizens, which is a more effective approach to crime reduction and keeping communities safe." The council voted unanimously to urge state voters to pass the measures.

The Inter-tribal Council represents more than 500,000 Native Americans who are enrolled members of the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee Creek and Seminole tribes.

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weekly support groups, transportation, career development and employment assistance.

Additionally, the Chickasaw Nation will offer counseling and therapy, alcohol and drug education, nutrition education, wellness, HIV/AIDS education and tobacco cessation education. The Violence Prevention Center will be 11,000 square feet.

EMS Facility

With 10,000 square feet of space, the planned Emergency Medical Services building will accommodate personnel, equipment and ambulances in addition to critically needed storage space for the medical center.

The building will house four ambulances, 18 medics and provide a home-away-from-home atmosphere for EMS personnel. Additional staff may be added once construction has concluded.

Since the opening of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in 2010, the tribe has experienced exponential growth serving the medical needs of Chickasaws and Native Americans from across America.

The move is a way the tribe is proactively addressing the growth of its EMS service.

In 2015, EMS personnel made more than 1,000 trips to aid Native Americans who were either too ill to drive themselves to the medical center or required medically-trained personnel to make the trip with them.

Tribal EMS workers drive an average of 90 miles per trip.

Half of the building will be used as a warehouse for the medical center. The other half will be devoted entirely to EMS needs, including:

· Living and working quarters consisting of a large communal room with a kitchen, four sleeping rooms, two offices in addition to laundry, showers and other amenities.

· State-of-the-art radio and monitoring equipment as technology expands.

· Implementation of the new OK-EMS Information System database for run reporting and a system to track and support ambulances.

· In-house training facilities for medics. EMS officials were forced to travel to training sessions in the past.

· Maintaining a full staff of medics 24 hours per day, seven days a week to offer the quickest response times possible.

Gov. Anoatubby said the new structure would give the Chickasaw Nation an opportunity to reach a growing number of Chickasaws and other Native Americans that reside outside the traditional 13-county tribal territory.

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Esteemed artists representing 10 states and a wide variety of Native American tribes will be participating in the Artesian Arts Festival.

Artists scheduled to participate include Chickasaw textile artists Margaret Roach Wheeler and Maya Stewart, renowned Cherokee potter Jane Osti, award-winning Chickasaw bladesmith Daniel Worcester, Tim Tate Nevaquaya, and many more.

Dozens of booths lining Muskogee Street in Sulphur will display works of the artists. Artists will also be demonstrating, sharing or discussing their craft in the ARTesian Art Gallery throughout the day.

The daylong festival will also highlight a variety of musical entertainment, tribal dance demonstrations and regalia.

Bands will provide continuous entertainment on two stages. The musical line-up for the event includes a range of entertainment such as children's music, alternative rock, pop, Latin pop, country and more.

Four Native dance troupes, including the Chickasaw Nation Stomp Dancers, Native American Hoop Dance, the Pueblo Enchantment Dancers and Magic Circle Entertainment are scheduled to demonstrate and share native dances.

Food trucks and food booths serving festival fare such as roasted corn, kettle corn, Indian tacos, barbecue, funnel cakes, ice cream and more are planned for the Artesian Arts Festival.

A special area for children's activities and a senior citizens' arts and crafts booth are also planned for the day.

Open to the public at no charge, the Artesian Arts Festival welcomed more than 4,500 visitors to last year's festival.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

The Artesian Plaza is located adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street.

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'Coffee & Careers' May 24 in Ada

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizens interested in working for the Chickasaw Nation are encouraged to attend a citizen hiring event hosted by tribal Human Resources.

"Coffee & Careers" will be hosted from 2-6 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, at the Carl Albert Service Center, 1001 N. Country Club Road in Ada.

Hiring managers will be present to answer questions, help complete online applications and conduct on-site interviews. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Candidates are asked to bring a driver's license, Social Security card and CDIB.

Departments attending this event will include accounting, casino operations, counseling, education, health care, history and culture, information technology and more.

Complete an application online at chickasaw.net/careers.

For more information, contact Human Resources at (580) 436-7259.

Imanoli Writer's Conference set for June 3 in Ada

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities will host the Imanoli writers' conference, Thursday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Arts & Humanities building in Ada.

The building is at the corner of Broadway and Tenth Street.

The conference is designed for writers looking to enhance their writing skills. Professionals from diverse fields of writing will share their knowledge about the different aspects of the writing process and writing styles.

For more information on the conference or presenters, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

To learn more about upcoming Chickasaw Nation events, visit www.chickasaw.net/calendar.

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Business operations include mission to help people

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Challenging. Competitive. Intense. Results-driven. Rewarding.

Each of these adjectives, and many more, describes operating in the American business environment.

Our country operates on a capitalist economic system. The profit motive is a basic of economic life, and individuals and firms are relatively free to compete against others. Understanding the basics of our American economic system is essential to achieving success. One very important fundamental is the business cycle and the issues that can affect it.

Our capitalist economic system goes through its ups and downs due to a myriad of factors. What has come to be called the Great Recession of 2008-2011 was, in large part, caused by a "bubble," or overextension of credit, in the housing market. Other business downturns in U.S. history have been caused by a variety of factors. Many factors influence the business cycle and every American business must be ready to adjust to conditions.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we have worked over several decades to develop a portfolio of businesses that best serve the Chickasaw people, and can exhibit resilience in the face of challenge. Our tribe now employs over 13,000 and is one of the major drivers of the economy in Oklahoma, and throughout Indian country.

We entered the field of commerce after we had analyzed our federal dollars. We realized those dollars would never meet the growing demands of our Chickasaw population. At that point, we compiled a plan that called for entering business in areas that made sense to us, with an eye on continuing diversification of our holdings.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation is a leader in business among all the tribes. We started small, of course, but kept our eye on our plan and worked it all the way along to reach the success we enjoy today. These commercial accomplishments are very important because they drive the programs, services and citizen outreach so critical to Chickasaw people.

Our top mission has always been "to enhance the quality of life of the Chickasaw people." That goal has, in large part, been achieved. But there is much more to accomplish that will expand our achievement and ensure the future of our Chickasaw generations to come.

Our tribe weathered the strong storm that brought about the Great Recession. By the time this significant downdraft hit the American economy, we had accomplished good commercial diversification and accrued capital reserves to not only weather the storm, but also improve our operations.

The success of our tribal businesses has the ultimate positive impact on both the tribe, as a sovereign entity, and all the Chickasaw people. With the growing earnings from our businesses, we have insulated our tribe from the vagaries of federal funding. Our programs and services now have the power of robust commercial operations to support the funding they need to properly serve Chickasaws.

We now own and operate businesses in a number of categories, all of which are working for every one of us. By spreading our operating entities out over a number of categories, we control our market risk. This approach avoids the approach of having "all the eggs in one basket."

We know the business climate in this country will change. Change is the one constant in business. The plan we have in place puts a premium on conservative management, capital preservation, excellent execution and appropriate management of risk. We are always looking ahead.

Of course, our focus at all times is to serve the Chickasaw people fully and well!

Just as a ship on the open ocean will encounter storms, so American business will meet its headwinds. We are now at a place in our history to withstand those challenges, and grow even stronger in their wake!

'One-stop shop' to access all nutrition programs

Nutrition Center facility dedicated in Duncan

DUNCAN, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined April 12 by local and tribal officials and dozens of area residents to mark the opening of the new Duncan Nutrition Center.

The new facility, at 1302 W. Main, provides a "one-stop shop" for Chickasaws and Native Americans to access nutrition services including the Food Distribution Program (FDP) grocery store, Farmers' Market and the Winter Fruit and Vegetable program for Chickasaw elders, as well as Summer lunch program for children 18 years and younger.

"We are excited about this Duncan Nutrition Center and what it means for the future of this area," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Proper nutrition means longer, healthier lives for our elders and more effective learning for our children.

"This center helps us fulfill our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people by offering nutritious foods and healthy meals. And, we believe by improving the quality of life of Chickasaw people we help improve the quality of life of the entire community."

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by local and tribal officials April 12 to officially dedicate the Chickasaw Nation Duncan Nutrition Center. The facility, at 1302 W. Main, provides a hub for Chickasaws and Native Americans to access nutrition services including the Food Distribution Program grocery store, Farmers' Market, as well as summer lunch program for all children, 18 years and younger. Pictured front row, from left, Stephens County Commissioner David McCarley, Stephens County Sheriff Wayne McKinney, Chickasaw legislator Linda Briggs, local resident Mrs. Bishop, Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, tribal secretary of Health Dr. Judy Parker, tribal legislator Shanna Hammond, tribal Supreme Court justices Cheri Gordon and Linda Weeks; tribal Nutrition Services food distribution manager Roxanne Newsome and Nutrition Services director Melinda Newport.

Also located in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell, Chickasaw Nation FDP grocery stores provide nutrition education and food to eligible Native Americans.

Foods offered through the tribal Food Distribution Program (FDP) score high marks, in the 80s, on the federal Healthy Eating Index. A perfect score is 100.

The index, or HEI, is a measure of diet quality including healthy food offerings and correct proportion size – according to the recommended dietary guidelines for all Americans.

Additional nutrition services offered at the 5,000-square-foot facility include the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which provides vouchers for Chickasaw elders and WIC (Women's Infants and Children) recipients to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at area farmers' markets.

The Chickasaw Nation hosts Farmers' Markets throughout south central Oklahoma from May through October.

The Farmers' Market program also provides Chickasaw elders with winter fruit and vegetable packages from November to March to ensure access to produce all year.

At the new facility, summer lunches will be available for all children up to 18 years old, during June and July.

The new building features a 1,500 square-foot warehouse, administration offices as well as a walk-in cooler/freezer, and grocery store shelving.

Future enhancements planned include a demonstration kitchen for "Get Fresh!" cooking classes, which provide nutrition education programs which teach healthy cooking and meal planning to adults as well as children.

Education is a key component to healthy eating and the Get Fresh! program offers interactive cooking classes and demonstrations, nutrition education and ideas for ways to add physical activity into daily routines.

Get Fresh! program demonstrations are also offered monthly at the nutrition service centers in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell, or may be scheduled by request.

The Chickasaw Nation also operates the Duncan WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program and serves hundreds of women, infants and children in its office in Chisholm Mall. Eligible women, infants and children may participate in supplemental food and nutrition education programs. The program is designed to improve the health of participants during critical stages of growth and development.

Nutritionists, lactation consultants and breastfeeding peer counselors are available to assist families.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program, call (580) 310-6417 or visitwww.chickasaw.net

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MAY 7-8
Mother's Honor Day
CELEBRATION
SATURDAY 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. & SUNDAY 12 P.M. - 5 P.M.
MOTHERS RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION TO THE CHIKASHA POYA EXHIBIT CENTER, SPECIAL DISCOUNTS IN THE GIFT SHOPS, AND COMPLIMENTARY TEA AND COOKIES IN THE AAIMPA' CAFÉ.
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Native language, art, music competition

Chickasaw kids display skills at Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

NORMAN, Okla. – Chickasaw pre-kindergarten to eighth grade students spent months preparing to the 14th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, April 4 and 5 at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman.

These students took home awards ranging from first to third place in competitions that highlighted the language and art of their tribe. They joined Choctaws (Chahta), Kiowas, Shawnees, Pawnees, Creeks (Mvskoke), Comanches, Lakotas, Seminoles and other nations in sharing and celebrating their culture at the event.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli, the Chickasaw Nation sponsored team of students from Ada and Byng public schools, began their preparations for the fair in February and met weekly before the competition. The team earned second place in the sixth- to eighth-grade large group spoken language contest and third place in the large group modern song contest. They performed "Chihoowa Ihimona" or "Wait on the Lord," as well as "Naachampoli Sabanna," a translated Chickasaw version of "I Want Candy."

Community language class students Rendon Parnacher and Jaelynne Eastep, who studied language at the Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center in Norman, also made the trip to the museum to show off their mastery of the Chickasaw language. Rendon and Jaelynne sang Choctaw Hymn no. 53 to claim first place in the sixth- to eighth-grade small group traditional song portion of the fair.

Chickasaw students fared well in this year's poster contest. Kinley Reeves from the Chickasaw Children's Village in Kingston placed second in the pre-K to second-grade poster contest. Kortez Harjo, also from the Chickasaw Children's Village, placed third in the same contest. Alicianna Titsworth's poster was selected for display during the fair.

Labaachi' (Noah Hinson), of Ada, ranked at the top of two visual art contests. In his age bracket of third- to fifth-grade, he won first for his poster art and second in books and literature with his work "Katihmit Foni'at Tokbakali?" This year's T-shirts displayed his first place design from the 2015 poster contest.

Johnathon Delfrate, Byng Junior High School student, earned first place in the sixth- to eighth-grade comic book and cartoons competition, as well as an honorable mention in books and literature.

The Chickasaw Nation offers many convenient learning opportunities for students of all ages looking to brush up on their linguistic skills in Chikashshanompa' (the Chickasaw language).

A self-teaching portal and workbook for the language can be found online at http://www.chickasaw.net/anompa/index.html. There, the language is taught in recorded pronunciations grouped by themes and purpose. Greetings, food, animals and technology are some of the lessons.

Governor Bill Anoatubby announced during the 55th Annual Meeting and Festival that Rosetta Stone would soon offer a learning program dedicated to the Chickasaw language. The first 40 lessons of this program are to be made available in the fall of 2016.

Additionally, community classes are currently taught at sites in Tishomingo, Ardmore, Sulphur and Purcell. Contact the Language Department at (580) 436-7272 for more information.

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Students from Byng and Ada and buffalo sculpture at the Sam Noble Museum during the 2016 Youth Language Fair. The group practiced weekly since February in anticipation of the event. Front row from left, Brayden McGilbray, Gabby Nucosee, Kadynce Hamilton, Josie Morgan, Xander Going, Teegan Going, Alyssa McGilbray. Back row from left, Ryan Hamilton, Daniel Hamilton, Caitlin Hamilton, Roddrik Orphan, LaKala Orphan, Cydnee Miller.

Kortez Harjo (second grade), Kinley Reeves (second grade) and Alicianna Titsworth (fourth grade) all created art selected for display in this year's Youth Language Fair poster contest. These young Chickasaw students all attend Chickasaw Children's Village in Kingston, Okla.

Father and son, Josh and Noah (Labaachi') Hinson, during the opening ceremonies of the second day of the 2016 Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla. Noah (Labaachi') received an award for placing first in both 2015 and 2016 art competitions.

Young Chickasaws Jaelynne Eastep and Rendon Parnacher, with a community Chickasaw language class, placed first in the grade 6-8 small group traditional song competition at the 2016 Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla.

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Moroney, Flansburg, Brisco brothers, Colbert to be inducted June 21

Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees announced

NORMAN, Okla. – A celebrated storyteller, a renowned art scholar, a legacy wrestling duo, and an esteemed jurist make up the 2016 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Induction ceremonies will be 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman.

Governor Bill Anoatubby will take part in the ceremony

Lynn Moroney, Margaret Flansburg, Floyd Gerald "Jerry" Brisco, the late Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco, and the late George Dixie Colbert will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame during the ceremony.

"Each of these worthy individuals has dedicated their life's work and talents to making a positive impact upon the world in which we live," Gov. Anoatubby said. "While each of these individuals accomplished unique goals, all share a dedication to excellence which enabled them to accomplish great things.

"It is our privilege to honor these individuals for the significant contributions they have made to the Chickasaw Nation and to the larger community."

Lynn Moroney

What astronomers do with science, Lynn Moroney does with stories. An internationally recognized "skyteller," Ms. Moroney studied the art of storytelling under the tutelage of well-known Chickasaw storyteller Te Ata.

LYNN MORONEY

In many ways, the spirit of Te Ata carries on through Ms. Moroney, as well as those who worked with her in the Chickasaw tradition.

Through the tapestry of storytelling, Ms. Moroney has positively influenced several Chickasaw storytellers who continue to share Chickasaw stories with audiences throughout the world.

She has worked extensively with Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington creating an extensive NASA Outreach project that involves storytelling.

Ms. Moroney served as director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium, providing regular programs on Native American sky stories and histories.

She founded "Wintertales" an annual, statewide storytelling workshop in Oklahoma City, which was funded in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council. She also created "Territory Tellers," a storytelling organization who meets, conducts classes, presents and educates. She also volunteered numerous hours while working at the planetarium and Oklahoma City Arts Council.

Ms. Moroney has also published numerous books, CDs and DVDs.

She has continued her leadership role in storytelling and as an ambassador representing the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma traveling the country sharing her stories, teaching the importance of keeping culture thriving through stories.

With her assistance, tribes including the Blackfeet and Crow have developed science teaching projects in conjunction with the Lunar and Planetary Institute.

She has conducted workshops for NASA Outreach, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, the International Planetarium Society and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

She has worked in settings that range from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., to the California Academy of Science in San Francisco. Born in 1935 in Duncan, Okla., Ms. Moroney now resides in Wilmette, Illinois.

Dr. Margaret Flansburg

Dr. Margaret Flansburg has enjoyed a distinguished career as an artist and scholar of art history and the humanities.

DR. MARGARET FLANSBURG

Soon after earning a degree in painting from the University of Oklahoma in 1958, Dr. Flansburg began exhibiting art in far-flung locations such as the Denver Museum, Carnegie Museum and juried competitions in the U.S. and Europe.

Upon earning a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Renaissance Italian Studies from the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Flansburg served as a full professor in the Department of Humanities and Philosophy at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) for over 20 years. She also served as department chair as well as acting assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts. She was also an adjunct art history professor at Oklahoma City University (OCU).

She also served as field director for several international study trips with students in both Italy and Mexico.

Upon retirement in 2001, she was awarded emeritus professor status at UCO.

During her career she has published numerous articles, chapters and books in her field, and led presentations in numerous venues.

Active in the Oklahoma City community, Dr. Flansburg served many years on the KCSC classical radio board of directors and Chamber Music Oklahoma. She is also a board member of Wilson Arts, a foundation that helps a neighborhood public elementary school find arts programs. She also helped identify and preserve some WPA murals in the school, which were discovered during renovations.

Dr. Flansburg has won many awards for both her art and scholarship, and has been honored with induction into the Duncan Public Schools Foundation Hall of Fame. She has also been recognized as a church "treasure" for a lifetime of contributions and service. In addition to singing in the church choir for many years, she has sung in Canterbury Chorus, an auditioned community choir, for almost 15 years.

Dr. Flansburg has always been proud of her Chickasaw heritage and family and has passed along her pride to her children and grandchildren, who continue to be connected with the Chickasaw Nation through activities and programs.

She has been active in the local Chickasaw Council, and has attended several Chickasaw Nation Annual Meetings and Festivals. Through a workshop on Cherokee basket weaving, Dr. Flansburg has created some beautiful, traditional style baskets.

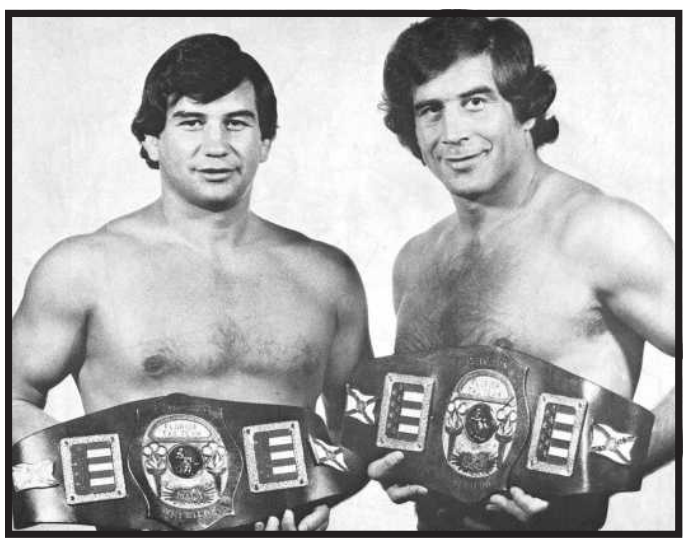
When visiting the Chickasaw Cultural Center with friends and family, she is also quick to visit the Aaholiitobli' Honor Garden and the plaque dedicated to her ancestor Colbert Ahshawlatabi Burris.

Floyd Gerald "Gerry" Brisco and the late Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco

Described by many as two of the greatest wrestlers of all time, siblings Floyd Gerald "Gerry" Brisco and the late Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco were instrumental in laying the foundation for the phenomenon that would become World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

As young men, both were awarded wrestling scholarships to Oklahoma State University.

Gerry Brisco



Gerry Brisco, left, with brother Jack Brisco in their wrestling heyday.

Gerry Brisco was born in 1946 in Seminole, Oklahoma. An all-around exceptional athlete, he started wrestling at age 9, earning a 50-5 record and three times qualifying for state finals.

At Oklahoma State University, he was a member of the 1968 National Championship team. He left college in 1968 and embarked on an 18-year professional wrestling career. During his professional wresting career, he won more than 20 championships, and one Junior Heavyweight World Championship belt. He and his brother Jack also won three Tag Team World titles.

Upon retirement, he worked to help make World Wrestling Entertainment the global business it is today. He worked with talent development and discovered Hulk Hogan and other superstars.

His achievements include Cauliflower Alley Club Hall of Fame, Dan Gable Museum-Lou Thesz/George Tragos Hall of Fame and World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame.

In 2010, he was named USA Wrestling Indigenous Committee, an organization with a goal to provide Native Americans and other minorities the opportunity to attend wrestling camps sponsored by USA Wrestling. He also helped form the International Olympic Committee, whose goal is to have North American Indigenous people represent their respective tribes as a sovereign nation in the Olympic Games.

Gerry was inducted into the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame in 2006

In his local community, Gerry formed the Guardian Wrestling Club in Tampa, Florida, for ages 6-18. It has grown to one of the largest clubs in the state.

Gerry has also served as a volunteer assistant coach at a local high school and was honored by Fox TV 13 as "What's Good About Tampa Bay" in 2009.

He retired from working with the WWF/WWE in 2009 and lives in Odessa, Florida.

Jack Brisco

Jack Brisco with brother Gerry Brisco at the WWE Hall of Fame.

Better known as Jack Brisco or "Ulvalde Slim," the late Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco was a two-time National Wrestling Alliance Heavyweight Champion and a multi-time Tag Team Champion with his brother Gerry.

In 2005, Don Leo Jonathan described Jack as "probably the greatest champion of the 20th century."

Born in Blackwell, Oklahoma in 1941, the athletic Jack declined a football scholarship at the University of Oklahoma to attend Oklahoma State University and wrestle. In 1965, Jack became the first Native American to win a NCAA Wrestling National Championship while wrestling as a junior at OSU.

His first documented professional championship was also in 1965, when he won the NWA Missouri Junior Heavyweight Championship. He also won his first tag-team title, teaming with Haystacks Calhoun for his first reign as co-holder of the Tri-State version of the NWA United States Tag Team Championship.

Jack's first NWA World Heavyweight Championship was won in Houston in 1973.

Wrestling with his brother, the duo won several Tag Team Championships.

The duo brought enormous honor to the Chickasaw Nation through their achievements as Native American wrestlers.

Jack died Feb. 1, 2010, leaving one of the most remarkable legacies in wrestling history.

George Dixie Colbert

The late George Dixie Colbert was known as a man of integrity who dedicated his life to service to his country, family, the judiciary and the Chickasaw Nation.

GEORGE DIXIE COLBERT

Shortly after graduating Oklahoma City University Law School in 1954, Mr. Colbert returned to the Chickasaw Nation to make a positive impact on his community.

His subsequent 26-year distinguished career served as an excellent example of Chickasaw servant leadership, perseverance, distinction and commitment.

Mr. Colbert was appointed county attorney in Murray County, Oklahoma, in 1954, serving until 1962. That year, he was elected associate district judge. He served as associate district judge until 1971, when he ran unopposed for district judge for the 20th Judicial District. That judicial district includes Murray, Love, Marshall, Carter and Johnston counties, most of the southern half of the Chickasaw Nation.

He served as district judge with honor and integrity until his death in 1980.

Born in 1925, Mr. Colbert was the son of Elmer and Julia Colbert and the grandson of Dixie H. Colbert, a member of the last Chickasaw Nation legislature before statehood and whose Chickasaw allotment encompassed what is now the town of Sulphur.

In his youth, George Dixie Colbert attended school at Carter Seminary, Ardmore and Sulphur.

In his teens, Mr. Colbert began boxing at Oklahoma City's Wheeler Park to earn grocery money to help feed his family.

Boxing for Chief Parris' Indian club, Mr. Colbert became a two-time Golden Gloves boxer and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) champion. Boxing in 10 tournaments, he won seven titles and runner-up in the other three. He was awarded both the state and Oklahoma City Golden Gloves title.

At 16, Mr. Colbert dropped out of school with his mother's permission and joined the U.S. Coast Guard. During World War II he served in the Philippine southwest Pacific Theatre.

Upon his discharge, he attended Central High School, Oklahoma City, and went on to attend law school.

Judge Colbert never hesitated to devote his life and his family to public service.

In Oklahoma City, he established a youth boxing club called the Red Bud Boxing Club. He also formed a boxing club for local youth in Sulphur.

He and his wife Ruby (Burchett) had six children, Stephen, Timothy, D. Scott, Shelly, Mark and John Colbert. Five of the children became attorneys and one a medical doctor.

Judge Colbert's contribution to the Chickasaw Nation is reflected in the dedication his children have shown in committing their lives to Chickasaw public service. His passion is always a strong reminder to his children that legal and judicial service is about being just and making sure justice is done.

Judge Colbert was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and instilled in his children to be proud of their Chickasaw heritage, family, culture and genealogy.

His children continue to uphold his Chickasaw legacy and instill its importance in their children and grandchildren.

Judge Colbert died May 27, 1980, and is buried at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

About the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, RSVP information

The 2016 Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremony will take place Tuesday, June 21 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, Okla.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event.

To make reservations contact Brielle Helm at (580) 436-7258 or email brielle.helm@chickasaw.net.

Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw citizen by the Chickasaw Nation.

In 1987 the Chickasaw Nation began honoring Chickasaws who made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community by induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Since then, many Chickasaw men and women have been nominated and inducted into this prestigious circle of honor.

For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Service on Indian Health Board gives perspective on Chickasaw health

Hello Everyone,

Well summer is fast approaching and it looks like we have a great summer ahead of us.

In April I attended the National Indian Health Board Tribal Public Health Summit in Atlanta, Ga.

During this conference, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee met as well. While in our meetings, I realized just how lucky Chickasaw citizens are to have the much needed healthcare that is provided. There are over 500 federally-recognized tribes in the United States, and many struggle with basic healthcare needs.

CONNIE BARKER
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Representatives from Indian Health Services met with the diabetes committee to discuss the proposed renewal of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Currently the SDPI program, which provides diabetes treatment and prevention to Native American and Alaska Natives, is funded through the end of September 2017. The funding amount is $150 million per year which is just barely enough to cover the cost of the programs. As tribal populations continue to grow, and medication costs increase, it becomes harder to provide good health care for those with diabetes. Although over the last 20 years there has been a significant decrease in the growth of diabetes, this serves to prove that the Special Diabetes Program for Indian is working.

Another heavily discussed topic was behavioral health. This is not only a problem for Indian Country, but it is a huge problem nationwide and it can have catastrophic affects on families.

As part of the solution, the Chickasaw Nation recently broke ground on two new facilities that will help in reducing wait times for those who need substance abuse treatment, domestic violence and other associated behavioral health problems.

While listening to other tribal members tell their stories of struggle for funding for their healthcare facilities, loss of some of their health care programs, and despair in their tribal communities, it served to strengthen my appreciation for the great healthcare provided to us at no cost throughout the Chickasaw medical facilities.

As your Tribal Legislator, I will always support our leadership in healthcare, and new and innovative programs and as the Tribal Co-Chair for the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, work hard to make sure our programs remain funded.

God bless you,
Connie Barker
Tribal Legislative Chair
Pickens District

Foster Grandparent Program offers unique opportunity to help students

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you?

As a former teacher, I always think about graduation at this time of the year. Congratulations to all our Chickasaw graduates across the country. From our youngest Headstart graduates to our adult college graduates, I applaud your achievements.

NANCY ELLIOTT
Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Education is the key to a better life. I am so proud that we, as Chickasaw people, are able to donate a good deal of money from our yearly budget to help others achieve their educational goals. From the Governor's Honor Club for younger students to college scholarships for those wishing to achieve a degree, we offer lots of incentives to encourage our children to do their best and accomplish great things.

There are many other ways we can be involved, even if we've already raised our children or have no grandchildren close. A new program you may have heard something about is the Foster Grandparent Program. The program is in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service. This program is geared to allow elders, 55 or older, the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children, who may not have grandparents close. The program will be available first in Ada and Ardmore, where the elder volunteers will be able to work with students in our Child Development Centers. This fall, we hope to have volunteers trained to work with our Headstart students in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, and Sulphur.

Many of our students need more one-on-one attention than instructors can give. This program will allow elders to be placed with students in the classroom to read with them, visit with them, become a friend to them, and thereby, make a huge difference in their lives.

As a teacher, I always found I learned a lot more than my students when I taught. The volunteers won't be teachers, per se, but helpers. The volunteers will even receive a small stipend to cover their transportation expenses. Volunteers will be trained in weather safety, tribal program information, and much more, and they will be able to pick an age range for the children, with which they would most like to work.

It is a win-win program. Young students will be getting much needed one-on-one help and the elder volunteers will be giving back to their community and knowing the satisfaction of helping others achieve. As the program grows, more communities will be added. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child and think you would like to participate in this program, you can contact the Department of Education at (580) 421-7711 or find it on the website www.chickasaw.net. We are a very generous people and believe in giving back to our community and helping others achieve. This is just another way to do just that. Please let me know if I can help you in anyway.

Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy
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Women's Recovery Center a big step in Native women's health care

Chokma,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

I enjoyed my first wild onion dinner of the year at the OKC Chickasaw Community Council meeting in April. Shoshana Wasserman, Director of Communications and Cultural Tourism for The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum was the guest speaker. She shared milestone events in the museum's progress to this point and offered thanks to Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation for our partnership in helping move this important project forward.

TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

April 6 was a great day. We broke ground on three locations that will provide care and assistance when our citizens need it most. We continue to focus on the wellness of our families with the Nittak Himitta' Women's Recovery Center, a Violence Prevention Center and a building for Emergency Medical Services. I pray our Chickasaw Nation employees working in these new structures will have a positive and lasting impact on the families that they serve.

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting the third annual Artesian Arts Festival, Saturday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Artesian Plaza in Sulphur. The festival booths will display all types of visual art such as paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, bead work, textiles, and pottery. Talented Chickasaw artists Brent Greenwood, Margaret Roach Wheeler, Jack and Wendell Pettigrew, Dustin Mater, Sue Fish and many more will be there. The festival will also include some great music from artists performing a variety of styles including native flute and country. This event gets bigger and better every year so plan on attending. If you need more information about the Festival, please contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520. I hope to see you there.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

Toby Perkins, Legislator
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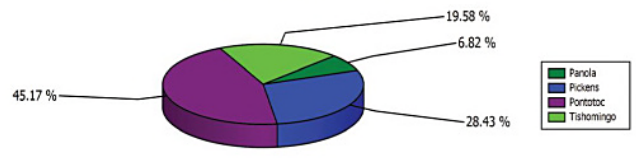
Count of Voters by District

District	Count
Panola	2,187
Pickens	9,099
Pontotoc	14,488
Tishomingo	6,284
Total	32,058

Voters by District



Health, Education, Heritage Preservation top tribal expenditures

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2016.

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $15.1 million for the month and $98.8 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $12.1 million for the month and $71.0 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through March 31, 2016 totaled $683.4 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $166.6 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $77.0 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2016, tribal government funds had $364.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $23.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $242.8 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of March 31, 2016, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $2.24 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2016

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	9,255,040	683,372,221	692,627,260
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government		89,535,357	(89,535,357)	-
Total Funds Available		98,790,396	593,836,864	692,627,260
Expenditures				
General Government		3,610,607	-	3,610,607
Legislature		1,485,148	-	1,485,148
Judiciary		562,660	-	562,660
Education		12,992,309	-	12,992,309
Heritage Preservation		12,406,854	-	12,406,854
Health		10,141,403	-	10,141,403
Youth Services		2,132,269	-	2,132,269
Family Services		7,028,070	-	7,028,070
Nutrition Programs		3,294,332	-	3,294,332
Regulatory		5,906,244	-	5,906,244
Assistance Programs		11,449,966	-	11,449,966
Gaming Expense		-	393,136,577	393,136,577
Other Businesses' Expense		-	123,666,360	123,666,360
Total Expenditures		71,009,863	516,802,937	587,812,800
Increase In Net Assets		27,780,534	77,033,927	104,814,460
Beginning Net Assets		818,638,319	1,322,439,260	2,141,077,579
Ending Net Assets	$	846,418,852	1,399,473,187	2,245,892,039

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
February 29, 2016

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash And Investments	$	364,149,573	242,771,344	606,920,917
Receivables		13,552,134	130,297,617	143,849,751
Inventory		43,944	7,153,595	7,197,539
Prepaid Expenses		-	22,140,588	22,140,588
Other Assets		-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed Assets		473,806,614	1,141,390,157	1,615,196,770
Less Payables		(5,133,412)	(145,358,253)	(150,491,665)
Net Assets	$	846,418,852	1,399,473,187	2,245,892,039

Summer Youth Program offers great opportunties for our young people

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

Young people are the future leaders in both the Chickasaw Nation and in our world.

As the school year comes to a close and summer break begins, many of our young people will learn valuable skills and experience through our youth employment and internship programs.

The Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth and Internship programs are beneficial programs designed to benefit our youth.

Through the Summer Youth Program in 2015, almost 600 of our young people ages 14 to 21 spent their summer break from school gaining real-world work experience and learning the virtues of dependability and commitment by participating in these programs. Many worked in Chickasaw Nation facilities, while others worked in our communities, providing local businesses additional staff at no cost to the business.

This program has been in existence for more than 25 years and has led many Chickasaws to a successful career path with both the Chickasaw Nation and other organizations.

Many Chickasaw college students from around the country have an opportunity to participate in the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program.

According to the 2015 Annual Report, 27 college students gained valuable employment experience through this program last year. These students are provided an opportunity to serve locally or in locations such as Washington, D.C.

Many young people elected to attend a vast selection of Chickasaw camps, academies and clinics. These activities provide our youth an excellent opportunity to explore topics such as science, the arts, Chickasaw language and culture and sports during their break from studies.

By providing important programs such as Camps and Academies, the Summer Youth program and the Internship program, Chickasaw students of all ages are able to apply what they learn during the summer months when they return to school and retain these values as they step into the future.

Values such as discipline, respect, in and out of the classroom, and hard work can translate to academic excellence and lead to brighter futures for our youth.

Working with Gov. Anoatubby's vision to provide the foundation of opportunity for our youth, we strengthen the Chickasaw Nation's future and enhance the overall quality of life of all Chickasaw people.

For additional information on these programs, visit Chickasaw.net.

For more information on the Summer Youth Program, contact any of the Chickasaw Nation Area Offices, or call (580) 436-7256.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chokma'shki,
Tim Colbert
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There is so much happening in the Chickasaw Nation for all Chickasaws

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. April has been a busy month with several ground breakings for new facilities at the hospital campus. The Women's Recovery Center, Violence Prevention Center and Emergency Medical Service Center will all be located on the southeast corner of the campus. These will soon be joined by the Veterans' Center later on this year.

At Committee Day, Leta Burwell attended and gave a presentation about the Chickasaw Area Offices and the services they provide.

The annual Dynamic Women's Conference was held at the beautiful Artesian Hotel and Resort. As usual, this year's Dynamic Woman will be announced in October at Cultural night of the Festival. The conference had a capacity crowd.

The monthly Community Council meetings were held. Oklahoma City CC had their annual wild onion dinner which is always good.

The Inter-Tribal Council held its quarterly meeting at the Cherokee Hard Rock Casino and Resort.

We had some extreme weather in April. Large hail at Tishomingo and Ardmore caused broken windows and roof damage. Just a little reminder that we are in Oklahoma in the Springtime.

Chi ihullo li! I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me by telephone, email or letter. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Chipisala'cho!

Kindness, caring appreciated with passing of family matriarch

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The best laid plans of mice and men..... change! I will shoot for next month to share about the Love Family Chickasaw connection.

I just want to take this time to say how blessed I

Mary June Leake

am to be part of the Chickasaw Nation and to be involved with all of you.

Thank you for the kindness shown to me and my family during the transition of our mother to her heavenly home. The love and the support offered gave us strength and comfort during this hard but precious time. I'm so thankful that all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were able to spend time with her and hug her neck one last time.

A special thank you to my Legislative colleagues and staff. Doretta and Lynie, you ladies did a wonderful job and were heaven sent!

Chipisala' cho Mom

"But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children." Psalm 103:17

We are breaking ground on a number of important new facilities

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It has been an excited Spring, already! We are filling up our calendars (and rain gauges) with groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings. With each event, the prospect of generating revenue and providing services for our citizens and other American Indians within each community is very rewarding. As a legislator, I find great pleasure in helping the tribe prosper by supporting its growth. We recently broke ground on three separate facilities in Ada and celebrated a ribbon-cutting in Duncan.

On the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center campus, we broke ground on three very important services. We will build a Women's Recovery Center, a Women's Violence Center and a new building for our emergency medical services. In Duncan we celebrated the opening of a Nutrition Center.

The Nutrition Center (food distribution program) is an alternative to food stamps. It is designed to promote the health and well-being of the Indian population. The Nutrition Centers provide nutrition education, food demonstrations, cooking classes and food packages. With the addition of the Duncan location, there are now four facilities (Ada, Ardmore, Purcell).

As Governor Anoatubby says quite often, "Isn't it a good day to be Chickasaw?!"

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." ~Colossians 3:12

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Chickasaws live across the country; my job is to serve you where you live!

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is amazing to consider the huge changes that have occurred in our country over just the past century.

America has experienced a metamorphosis. Where we were once primarily a rural people, we now are much more concentrated in our metropolitan areas. Our third U.S. President Thomas Jefferson envisioned our country as one of millions of small farmers. He forsaw each family making its way through agriculture and the industrious use of their hands.

Alternately, our first U.S. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton saw America as a country of strong cities, a strong federal government and centralized financial system.

With a quick bit of analysis, we can see our country has become much more than Hamiltonian vision, as opposed to Jefferson's concept.

With the rise of industrialization in America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, more people left the farm and headed to the city for work.

Today our country is growing, but primarily on the coasts and in the cities. The rural life is the choice of fewer Americans and that choice is reflected in the distribution of our citizens.

The Chickasaw people were once highly concentrated, first in the homelands of the Southeast, then in the Chickasaw Nation following Removal.

That is obviously no longer the case! Chickasaws today live everywhere!

It's fantastic the number of calls, letters and emails I receive from Chickasaws across the country. Our people live in all 50 states and a number of foreign countries. Chickasaws have changed their lifestyles as the country has changed.

Today, I am as likely to hear from a Chickasaw constituent in Los Angeles as I am to hear from one who lives within the boundaries of our Pickens District. Chickasaws have moved across the country for work, for family, for retirement and many other reasons.

Our "new" Chickasaw Nation is dynamic, vital and fluid. Chickasaw citizens have that connection to our beloved tribe regardless of where they live. They also have the need for services the tribe provides.

My job as your legislator is to serve you, regardless of what state you call home!

There are so many programs now available for citizens living both in and outside the Chickasaw Nation. Those programs have developed as we have grown our commerce, and as we have adapted to the changing landscape of Chickasaw locations.

You may live a thousand miles from the Chickasaw Nation, but that doesn't matter at all. You are Chickasaw, you have a deep and direct tie to your tribe, and your tribe is here to include you and serve you.

That's where I come in! Call or write when you need me. It's not just my job...it's my privilege to serve you!

Best wishes,
Linda Briggs

CHICKASAW WEST

ANNUAL CHICKASAW GATHERING
SANTEE LAKES, CA
SPONSORED BY CHICKASAW WEST

COME SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHICKASAW FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

WHERE: SANTEE LAKES, SANTEE, CALIF.
619-596-3141
PICNIC AREA L (IN THE BACK)

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 4 , 2016
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED AT 12 NOON

PLEASE BRING A FOOD DISH TO SHARE

WE PLAN TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE CHICKASAW LEGISLATURE AT THE GATHERING

ENTRANCE FEE IS $ **5.00** PER VEHICLE. PARKING IS NEXT TO THE PICNIC AREA.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING LAWN CHAIRS.
THERE WILL BE COVERED AREAS IN CASE OF RAIN/HOT TEMPERATURES.

FISHING, PADDLE BOAT AND CANOE RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE.

SANTEE LAKES IS WITHIN 60 MINUTES OR LESS OF SEVERAL SAN DIEGO ATTRACTIONS. YOU MAY WISH TO PLAN YOUR WEEKEND IN THE AREA. PLEASE CALL SANTEE LAKES FOR INFO REGARDING FISHING, CAMPING & RV **619-596-3141**

FOR DIRECTIONS PLEASE CALL SHARON TANDY OR SANTEE LAKES.

FOR MORE INFO CALL SHARON TANDY 818-985-8392 OR 818-378-3295

2015-2016 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Births

Graysen Kole Frazier

Graysen Kole Frazier was born at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center on January 3, 2016, at 9:01 p.m. He weighed 9.8 lbs., and measured 20 inches at birth. Graysen was born three weeks earlier than his due date. He is of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole descent.

The proud parents of Graysen are Brittney, of Ada, Okla., and Jarate Condit, of Asher, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Sherri McManus, of Ada, and Ron K. Frazier, of Ada. Brittney's brother, Tyler Frazier, of Galey, Okla., also welcomes Graysen to the family.

Graysen's maternal great grandparents are Betty and the late Reverend Jefferson Frazier, of Ada, and Dean and the late Harrel McManus, of Galey, Okla.

Community News

Hawkins Family Reunion

DESCENDANTS OF:
LOUISE TYUBBY & CECIL GREENWOOD, BETSEY & OLIVER NEAL, SARAH & CORNELIUS ALEXANDER, ELLEN TAYLOR HESTER, MOLSIE & O.S. BAILEY, JOSIE HAWKINS
are invited to attend.

OCTOBER 8, 2016
10:00 AM · 5:00 PM

POTLUCK MEAL AT NOON

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY CENTER
700 N. MISSISSIPPI
ADA, OKLAHOMA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
STEVE PANIAGUA
(580) 665-2977

Community News

Men's Fastpitch Tournament

May 27th & 28th, 2016

Mill Creek, Oklahoma

1st place – T-shirts
2nd place – T-shirts
3rd place – Team Trophy

Entry Fee $140.00
15 man roster

Contact: Pete Colungo
580.235.1872

February and March 2016 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

Nolan Turner

Nolan, son of Jeffrey and Carie Turner, of Rocklin, Calif., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Nolan Turner

He is in the third grade at Twin Oaks School and was nominated by his teacher, Annette Huang.

"Nolan truly exemplifies outstanding achievement," Ms. Huang said. "He is polite, conscientious and always does his best."

Nolan's hobbies include playing basketball, video games, riding bicycles and building with Legos.

Beca Sealey

Beca, daughter of Sandra Sealey and John Lavender, of Lawton, Okla., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Leadership.

Beca Sealey

She is a junior at MacArthur High School and was nominated by Key Club sponsor, Kathleen Sauders.

"Beca's dedication to our club, school, and community make her stand out among her peers," Ms. Sauders said. "I truly believe in her leadership abilities."

Beca's hobbies include volunteering with Key Club, ceramics and visiting the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

"I am thrilled to have been elected president of the Key Club for 2016-2017. I hope to attend Oklahoma University to study business and finance or to become a pharmacist," Beca said.

Marissa Alvarez

Marissa, daughter of Alfredo and Tenesha Alvarez, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

She is a sophomore at Westmore High School and was nominated by counselor Rohn Wallace.

Marissa Alvarez

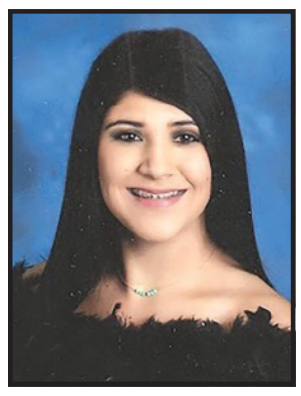
"Marissa was an essential member of this year's summer youth classroom training program, leading by example," Mr. Wallace said. "Her new knowledge of the tribe and her growing self-confidence has instilled a heightened desire to succeed in life and expand her goals to include a university degree."

Marissa's hobbies include art, playing piano, reading and attending church.

"I plan to get my bachelor's degree at an arts school," Marissa said.

Kylie Price

Kylie, daughter of Scott and Giohna Price, of Ringling, Okla., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.


Kylie Price

She is a senior at Ringling High School and was nominated by FFA and agriculture education teacher, Tyler Laubach.

"Kylie is an excellent student with outstanding leadership skills," Mr. Laubach said. "I can see her succeeding in whatever she does."

Kylie's hobbies include playing basketball and spending time with family and friends.

"I plan to go to University of Oklahoma or Midwestern State to study dental hygiene," Kylie said.

Traves "Gus" Miller

Traves, son of Michael and Melissa Miller, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

He is a junior at Latta High School and was nominated by teacher, Nathan Dial.

"Traves always come prepared for the day's events," Mr. Dial said, "he is always willing to help and assist others with any difficulty."

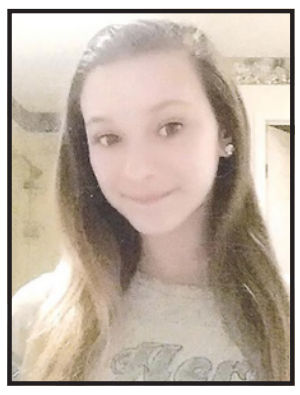
Traves' hobbies include playing basketball, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Traves 'Gus' Miller

"I have worked for three summers with the Chickasaw Nation and hope to continue working there after high school," Traves said.

Nina Capps

Nina, daughter of Steven and Bobbie Capps, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.


Nina Capps

She is in the seventh grade at Latta Junior High School and was nominated by teacher, Roy Deering.

"Nina is hard-working and dependable," Mr. Deering said. "She always brings a good attitude and work ethic to class."

Nina's hobbies include drawing, singing, roller blading and playing basketball.

"I want finish high school and become a professional artist or photographer," Nina said.

Ryder Perry

Ryder, son of Waylon and Kortni Perry, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Ryder Perry

He is in the second grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by second grade teacher, Lou Jean Studebaker.

"Ryder excels in all subjects, but his favorite is reading," Ms. Studebaker said. "His love of reading has enabled him to exceed all goals set for him."

Ryder's hobbies include reading, playing basketball and baseball and attending livestock shows with his family.

"I hope to one day play sports professionally after attending University of Oklahoma," Ryder said.

Vincent Turner

Vincent, son of Jeffrey and Carie Turner, of Rocklin, Calif., is a February 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Vincent Turner

He is a sophomore at Rocklin High School and was nominated by language arts teacher, Holly Repanich.

"Vincent always goes above and beyond expectations," said Ms. Repanich. "He expresses his sophisticated thinking with maturity."

Vincent's hobbies include playing basketball, cycling, bowling and drawing.

"I enjoy playing basketball with my team and league bowling, as well as attending youth group at my church," Vincent said.

Aiidan Goodwin

Aiidan, son of Jimmy Goodwin and Brandi Roberts, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Aiidan Goodwin

He is in the fourth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by his teacher, Julie Savage.

"Aiidan is quick to put others in front of him," Mrs. Savage said. "He is always asking if he can help, and is always kind and considerate."

Aiidan's hobbies include playing soccer and video games.

"I plan to attend Oklahoma University and become a professional soccer player," Aiidan said.

Tyrah Smith

Tyrah, daughter of David and Regina Faught, of Lexington, Okla., is a March 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.

Tyrah Smith

She is a senior at Lexington High School, and was nominated by Coach Hillary Price.

"Tyrah's work ethic, leadership, and positive attitude encourage others on a daily basis," Ms. Price said. "It's an honor to be a small part of her life."

Tyrah's hobbies include playing softball, basketball, track and attending church.

"I enjoy mentoring young children in sports as well as in character," Tyrah said. "I hope to attend Rose State College and become a dental hygienist."

Alissa White

Alissa, daughter of John and Brandy White, of Sasakwa, Okla., is a March 2016 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Alissa White

She is a senior at Sasakwa High School and was nominated by Principal Terry Byerly.

"Alissa placed first in the East Central University Interscholastic Meet in the area of family and child relations, qualifying her for state competition," Mr. Byerly said. "She also placed second in behavioral science and second in expository writing in competition at Murray State College."

Alissa's hobbies include playing basketball, softball, fishing and turkey hunting.

"I am looking forward to college and will already be a college sophomore starting this fall," Alissa said. "I will earn my bachelor's degree in environmental health and hope to work for the Chickasaw Nation."

Message from Chickasaw Junior Princess Lauren John

LAUREN JOHN, CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS 2015-2016

Saholhchifo'at, Lauren John.

Hello, I am Lauren John the 2015-2016 Chickasaw Jr. Princess. Since becoming the Chickasaw Jr. Princess, I have been very busy traveling, meeting new people and representing the Chickasaw Nation at events all across the nation. We are also learning the Chickasaw language and taking cultural classes together.

We recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to showcase our talents at the National Johnson O'Malley Conference. Chickasaw Congressman, Tom Cole, was honored to see us!

I also had an opportunity to travel to the Laguna School and Indian Creek Catholic School in Belize. It was great to share my experiences as a Chickasaw Princess.

I am so happy I get to spend time with Chickasaw Princess, Raechell Meely and Little Miss Chickasaw, Lauren Key. I am having an awesome time as Chickasaw Jr. Princess.

Chokmaski,
Lauren John
2015-2016
Chickasaw Junior Princess

Message from Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren Key

LAUREN KEY, LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW 2015-2016

Chokma, Saholtchi fo ut Lauren Key.

Hello, my name is Lauren Key and I am your 2015-2016 Little Miss Chickasaw.

I am the twelve-year-old daughter of Summer Jones. I am in the sixth-grade at Sulphur Middle School.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as an ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation. To be a Chickasaw Princess, you have these amazing opportunities to represent the great unconquered and unconquerable, Chickasaw Nation. Over the past few months, we have attended various Chickasaw Nation events and traveled to different states to represent our tribe. We even get to wear our beautiful traditional regalia at every event.

In October, we had the opportunity to visit the Chickasaw Homelands in Tupelo, Mississippi. We took a tour of the Chickasaw Preserve/Chisha' Talla'a', Natchez Trace Parkway Chickasaw Village site and of Longtown/Immokakinafa' site to name a few of the interesting places we were able to learn about during this trip.

We visited Tishomingo State park where we hiked the trail, had fun on the swinging bridge and saw a beautiful wood scenery along the lakes and beautiful waterfalls.

Before Christmas, we served and visited with the elders at the Elder's Christmas Luncheon. It was nice to get to meet and visit with various elders, see family and see my fellow princess's grandmas.

One of my favorite experience as Little Miss Chickasaw, was attending the National Johnson O'Malley Conference. I got to watch the Chickasaw Princess Raechell Meely and Chickasaw Jr. Princess Lauren John perform and showcase their talent at the National Museum of the American Indian to Washington, D.C. Learning more about our Chickasaw history and culture has been an amazing experience with Chickasaw Princess Raechell Meely, Chickasaw Jr. Princess Lauren John and Chickasaw Princess Coordinator, Mary Hartley. When we are not performing at events, we get together for cultural classes such as language, history, beading and traditional basket weaving. We also practice the Lord's Prayer. I am looking forward to going to Albuquerque, New Mexico this month for the Gathering of Nations. It will be an honor to attend the Miss Indian World pageant. I can't wait to see all the different tribes there, try other tribe's traditional foods and meet new people.

Chokmaski,
Lauren Key
2015-2016
Little Miss Chickasaw

Veterans' Conference set for June 27 at Winstar

THACKERVILLE, Okla. – Chickasaw veterans and those currently serving in the military will be the guests of honor June 27 at the second Chickasaw Veterans Conference and Warrior Society gathering at WinStar World Casino.

The conference will honor all Chickasaw veterans. Keynote speakers, including Governor Bill Anoatubby, will address veterans and remind them of veterans' services and programs.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. A luncheon will be sponsored by the Chickasaw Warrior Society beginning at approximately 11:45 a.m.

For more information, call (580) 272-2550 or email warrior.society@chickasaw.net.

Mental health awareness key to success

Chickasaw Nation offers many resources to citizens, families who need a little help

Our mental health is an important part of our overall wellbeing, but it is often neglected. Feeling overly stressed, anxious, or experiencing even mild depression are common mental health disorders that could benefit from proper treatment.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The Chickasaw Nation is committed to providing support for Chickasaw families when mental health problems appear.

"One in four of us will experience some kind of mental health problem at some time in our life," Chickasaw Nation Prevention Services Director Barbara Underwood said.

Stigma can accompany mental health issues. Sometimes, people don't feel comfortable talking about their feelings, so they may live with the problem or try to cope on their own.

"Mental health and mental illness is not the same thing," Mrs. Underwood said. "One difference between mental health and mental illness is that everyone has some level of mental health all of the time. And, just like physical illness, it is possible to be without mental illness."

People with good mental health have the ability to make the most of their potential. They play active roles in family, workplace and community.

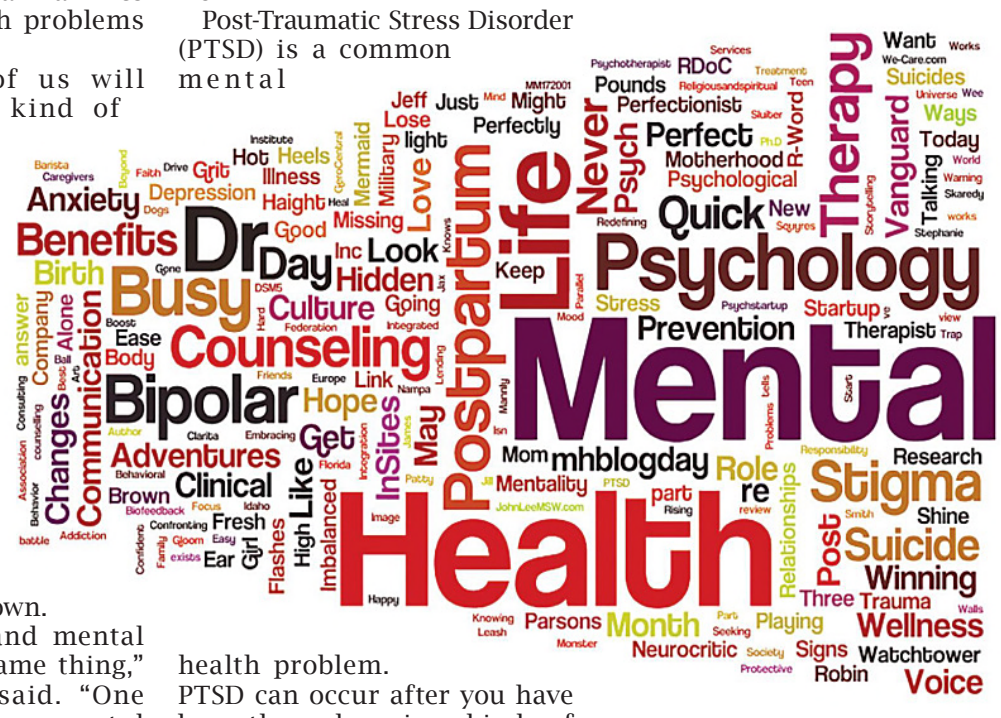
"We all have times when we feel down or stressed or anxious," Mrs. Underwood said. "Most of the time those feelings pass. But sometimes they develop into more serious problems, and that could happen to any of us.

"Licensed mental health professionals and medical doctors may diagnose a mental health problem. We believe a complete physical should accompany a mental health assessment, as physical problems are many times related to or can cause mental health problems."

Early warning signs of mental health problems may include:

- Isolation from people and normal activities
- Low energy
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, worried or on edge
- Thinking of harming yourself or others
- Inability to perform daily tasks, such as duties at home or work

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a common mental health problem.



People with PTSD can have difficulty with relationships, work and daily activities. PTSD can occur after you have been through various kinds of trauma.

PTSD affects close to 5.2 million American adults. Women are more likely than men to experience the disorder. Indian people are affected at about twice the rate of the general population.

Good mental health is as important as having good physical health. Each can affect the other. It's important to take care of yourself and get the most from life. Making simple changes to how you live can be accomplished without substantial investment of money or time. Anyone can follow this advice to maintain good mental health:

- Practice positive thoughts
- Get physically active, exercise regularly
- Eat well
- Help others
- Talk about your feelings.

Do you want to talk to someone or do you need support for a family member or friend? There are many services and organizations that offer help and support to people with mental health problems.

- Prevention Services provides education to promote emotional health and wellbeing and referrals to additional services. (580) 436-7212.
- Outpatient Counseling offers therapists in many locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. (580) 436-1222.
- Aafolota' (Turning Point) works with adolescents and young adults, ages 12-24, who have substance abuse issues. Any mental health issues will also be addressed in this program. (405) 767-8940.
- Visit www.chickasaw.net and search "programs and services directories" for a complete list of Chickasaw Nation resources.

Other:

- The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Helpline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental health and/or substance use disorders. Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or visit the online treatment locators.

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Outdoor movie nights in Tishomingo, Atoka

Two special opportunities to attend outdoor movies will be available during May.

Chickasaw Nation Museums and Historic Sites will present Inside out at 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 13 at the Chickasaw National Capitol in Tishomingo, Okla. Field of Dreams will be featured at 8:30 p.m., Friday, May 20 at Boggy Depot in Atoka, Okla.

Both showings will include free popcorn and refreshments.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Museums and Historic Sites at (580) 371-9835.

Gospel Singing May 21 in Tishomingo

EMET, Okla. - The Chickasaw White House will host a gospel singing, Saturday, May 21, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free chicken fajitas, dessert and refreshments will be served.

The concert will feature Scrapiron, Chosen Vessel, In His Gates, Rejoice and more. Everyone is invited to join in this concert event.

The Chickasaw White House is located at 6379 E. Mansion Road in Emet.

For more information, please call (580) 371-9835.

'South Pacific' auditions May 21

Auditions for the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" will be Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. at the Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway, Ada, Okla.

For more information, call Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

MARCH 2016 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 18, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Member absent:Dean McManus
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Rita Loder, Tisha Cully, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Judy Foster, Cheyenne Wood
AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Mr. Perkins.
AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 19, 2016
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes of February 19, 2016.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2016 carried unanimously.
AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.
AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
General Resolution Number 33-018, Approval of Development Budget, AmendmentAa-Ashaachi' Phase II
This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Aa-Ashaachi' Phase II, Project Number 20-0123-13 in the amount of $1,856,958.00 for a total budget of $7,700,000.00.
The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture is a 20,000 square-foot specialty library focusing on the study of the Chickasaw Nation and other tribes in the Southeastern United States. Using advanced technology, the Research Center preserves archives, tales, culture, Native American language and historical accounts passed down from generation to generation.
It has been determined that a much more specialized set of storage shelves and cabinets are necessary to house the variety of artifacts the Nation currently owns. The lighting in the artifact and artwork areas need to be upgraded to a UV free luminaries that won't cause damage to the pieces. Additional security cameras and controlled access doors are needed to ensure all artifacts, artwork and equipment are safe. The original budget was based on a design that utilized an EIFS (Stucco) façade which is not in keeping the campus design. With the addition of the property to the north, the Aa-Ashaachi' facility will be much more visible as the campus expands in that direction. Therefore, it would be more cost effective to add a rock façade to the exterior at this time to achieve a more complementary addition to the campus. A small parking area is desired in the front of the building so visitors will have direct access to the front entrance. A generator is needed to back-up the HVAC system in the safe rooms in order to maintain good air quality for the artifacts being stored.
A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR33-018.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-018 carried unanimously.
General Resolution Number 33-019, Approval of Development Budget Amendment, Veterans Lodge
This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Veterans Lodge, Project Number 20-0122-12 in the amount of $6,751,274.00.
The Chickasaw Nation has more than 1,600 active duty military members. Native Americans represent the largest percent per capita of any ethnicity of soldiers who have fought in military campaigns for America throughout history. The Chickasaw Nation has always been a proud people with courageous Warriors and it is the desire of our leadership to honor these brave men and women.
This 13,000 square foot single story facility will be a place of comfort for our active and retired military members and their families. It will include a large activity room, dining room, kitchen, covered patio area and a sunroom. It will also provide access to resources available to our veterans through our Veterans Services office. Space for private or group counseling will be available, as well as a chapel. An outdoor plaza area will display the 5 military flags and all will overlook the Chickasaw Warrior statue.
The Chickasaw Nation is committed to creating a place for our veterans to build a strong support network and lasting friendships for years to come.
A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR33-019.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-019 carried unanimously.
Mr. Perkins concluded his report.
(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
Ms. Hammond served as Committee Chair Pro Tempore in the absence of Ms. McManus.
General Resolution Number 33-020, Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service for the Tribal Preservation Program grant. Funds from this grant will be utilized to survey and inventory significant Chickasaw archaeological resources on private land in the "Cook-Coonewah" tract containing some portion of the archaeological site of the Chickasaw settlement dating from the late 1600s to the early 1800s in Lee County, Mississippi, on the Coonewah Ridge in the Mississippi historic homeland. The results of this survey investigation will be used to enrich the lives of Chickasaw citizens through development of heritage tourism visits to the site as well as through written interpretive material and exhibits at various venues about the site and its context in Chickasaw culture history. The grant proposal is not to exceed $25,000 for the one year period.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR33-020.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-020 carried unanimously.
General Resolution Number 33-021, Application for Federal Grant under the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grants
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for a Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for the enhancement of a high-quality evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program, up to and including FY 2021, to be located within the Chickasaw Nation.
The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services proposes to enhance and expand current child services intended to promote positive outcomes through a systemic approach, addressing family needs as a whole.
The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services will use funds to enhance a high-quality evidence-based home visiting program that results in a coordinated system of early childhood home visiting in Chickasaw communities with the capacity to provide infrastructure and support to assure high-quality, evidence-based practice to Native American children and families.
A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR33-021.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-021 carried unanimously.
Ms. Hammond concluded her report.
(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 33-022, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acceptance of a transfer of real property from Oklahoma Mississippi Properties, LLC, located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is located on Mississippi Street, Ada, Oklahoma, and is to be utilized for Headquarter Campus Support Buildings.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR33-022.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-022 carried unanimously.
General Resolution Number 33-023, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County
This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation's Re-entry Program Facility, located at 2600 West 14th Street, Sulphur, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR33-023.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes

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The motion to approve GR33-023 carried unanimously.
General Resolution Number 33-024, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation's Kullihoma properties located on County Road 1560 south of the Kullihoma Reservation properties, Ada, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR33-024.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-024 carried unanimously.
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.
(D) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods
Permanent Resolution Number 33-004, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Elections and Campaigns)
This resolution amends the term "CD" to "USB Flash Drive" to reflect an upgrade in technology for the procedures of Chickasaw elections.
A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve PR33-004.
Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 11 yes votes
Member voting no: Beth Alexander - 1 no vote
The motion to approve PR33-004 carried.
Mr. Woods concluded his report.
AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
There was no new business to discuss or comments from citizens.
AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Elliott, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Legislative Session
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 18, 2016

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Human Resources Committee · April 4, 2016
Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott
Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee · April 4, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-025
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company (Matthew Chesnut)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation , and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature authorized the creation of the Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company (the "Bank") on January 21, 2000, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature also authorized

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and approved the creation of a Board of Directors for the Bank, consisting of no less than five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Mr. Matthew Chesnut to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Matthew Chesnut to Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company, to fill the unexpired term of office formerly held by Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, which will be determined by the Bank's charter.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Matthew Chesnut to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company. Mr. Chesnut will fill the unexpired term resulting from Dr. Judy Goforth Parker's resignation from the Board. The terms of office of each board member shall be determined by the Bank Charter.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-026
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society(Mr. Wayne Edgar)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 6(a) of the Chickasaw Historical Society Act of 1994 makes provision for the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to appoint a board of directors for the Chickasaw Historical Society which shall be comprised of not less than seven (7) regular members, each of whom shall be confirmed by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Mr. Wayne Edgar to serve on the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society to fill an expired term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgar is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is fully qualified to sit on said board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Wayne Edgar to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, with a term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Wayne Edgar to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Edgar will fill a vacant 3-year term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-027
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society(Mr. Wilson Seawright)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 6(a) of the Chickasaw Historical Society Act of 1994 makes provision for the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to appoint a board of directors for the Chickasaw Historical Society which shall be comprised of not less than seven (7) regular members, each of whom shall be confirmed by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Mr. Wilson Seawright to serve on the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society to fill an expired term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seawright is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is fully qualified to sit on said board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Wilson Seawright to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, with a term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Wilson Seawright to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Seawright will fill a vacant 3-year term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-028
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society(Mr. Doug Strickland)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 6(a) of the Chickasaw Historical Society Act of 1994 makes provision for the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to appoint a board of directors for the Chickasaw Historical Society which shall be comprised of not less than seven (7) regular members, each of whom shall be confirmed by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Mr. Doug Strickland to serve on the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society to fill an expired term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is fully qualified to sit on said board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Doug Strickland to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, with a term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Doug Strickland to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Strickland will fill a vacant 3-year term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-029
Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society(Mr. Timothy Baugh)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 6(a) of the Chickasaw Historical Society Act of 1994 makes provision for the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to appoint a board of directors for the Chickasaw Historical Society which shall be comprised of not less than seven (7) regular members, each of whom shall be confirmed by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Mr. Timothy Baugh to serve on the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society to fill an expired term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baugh is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and is fully qualified to sit on said board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Timothy Baugh to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, with a term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Timothy Baugh to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Baugh will fill a vacant 3-year term of office ending on September 30, 2017.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-030
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Terral Casino

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Terral Casino, Project Number 1108-TER-GAM-C in the amount of $22,969,897.00.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Terral Casino, Project Number 1108-TER-GAM-C in the amount of $22,969,897.00.

Through the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce strategic planning sessions an objective was set to explore market expansion within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. Multiple sites were identified and vetted to determine suitability. Market assessments along with return on investment models were conducted for scale and feasibility with favorable outcomes for the outlined scope.

The site chosen for this prospect creates an opportunity for new customer acquisition and overall growth in patronage of Chickasaw Nation properties. By providing a sizeable offering and an alternative to other operations for the northwestern Texas population an additional revenue stream will be created to add to Chickasaw Nation net profits. An addition of over 200 new jobs will be created providing opportunity for career advancements as well new position offerings to the surrounding communities.

This proposal involves the design, engineering, and construction of a new 37,200 square feet gaming casino. The building will house approximately 630 new games, with the associated back of house support. In addition to the gaming floor, there will be seating for 60 in the restaurant. The center bar has 28 seats with six being bar top games. Additionally there will be 776 total parking spaces and improvements to the existing county road.

Presented By: Finance Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-031
Rescind and Replace GR28-043, Utility Easement in McClain County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee desires to rescind General Resolution 28-043 and replace with the correct legal description of a utility easement to OG&E Electric Services, an Oklahoma corporation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends that the Chickasaw Nation grant a new utility easement to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, an Oklahoma Corporation, with corrected legal description being more particularly described in EXHIBIT"A," the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby rescinds and replaces GR28-043 and authorizes and approves a utility easement to be granted to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company with the following parameters:

The new utility easement shall permit Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and authority to enter upon and install, erect, operate, maintain, and reconstruct underground and/or above ground a system of conduits, wires, cables, vaults, junction boxes, switches, fuses, transformers, service connection boxes and other fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electrical current and communication messages, including the right of ingress and egress to and from said system across adjoining lands of Grantor, upon and across the following real property and premises, situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma. Grantor further covenants and agrees that no building or other structure shall ever be erected nor shall any excavation or other removal of soil, so as to change the grade of terrain, be accomplished by Grantor, its heirs or assigns, within the above described easement area unless the written consent of the Grantee is first obtained. Grantor further acknowledges the requirements of 63 Okla. Stat. § 142.1et sq. (2003) (The "One-Call Statute"). The rights and privileges above granted to continue so long as same are used or needed for the transmission and distribution of electric current or communication messages; but should the Grantee remove its property from the premises and abandon the right of way herein granted, then the rights granted in this easement shall terminate.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution rescinds GR28-043 and replaces it to correct legal description for a utility easement to service the facility at Newcastle Gaming, granted to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and authority to enter upon and install, erect, operate, maintain, and reconstruct underground and/or above ground a system of conduits, wires, cables, vaults, junction boxes, switches, fuses, transformers, service connection boxes and other fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electrical current and communication messages, including the right of ingress and egress to and from said system across adjoining lands of Grantor, upon and across the real property and premises described in Exhibit "A" situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma. Grantor further covenants and agrees that no building or other structure shall ever be erected nor shall any excavation or other removal of soil, so as to change the grade of terrain, be accomplished by Grantor, its heirs or assigns, within the above described easement area unless the written consent of the Grantee is first obtained. Grantor further acknowledges the requirements of 63 Okla. Stat. § 142.1et sq. (2003) (The "One-Call Statute"). The rights and privileges above granted to continue so long as same are

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used or needed for the transmission and distribution of electric current or communication messages; but should the Grantee remove its property from the premises and abandon the right of way herein granted, then the rights granted in this easement shall terminate.

Property Location: Newcastle Gaming Tract, McClain County, Oklahoma

Use: To be utilized as Utility Service Easement to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

Presented By: Land Development Committee

EXHIBIT "A": An easement in the SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW l/4) OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, written by Timothy G. Pollard, PLS 1474,

dated February 21, 2016, using a Deed Bearing of N89°47'20"E between existing monuments at the Southwest and Southeast corners of said SW l/4 as a Basis of Bearing and as shown on Exhibit ''B", said easement being Ten (10) feet in width, Five (5) feet each side of a centerline described as:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said SW l/4;

Thence N89°47'20''E, on the South Line of said SW l/4, for a distance of 878.25 feet; Thence N00°06'59"W for a distance of 59.67 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;, said point being on the West line of a tract of land as described in Book 1695 at Page 410 of the McClain County Clerk's records.

Thence N89°49'15"E, on said centerline, for a distance of 184.26 feet to a point 5.00 feet West of the East line of a tract of land described in Book 1695 at Page 410 as filed in the McClain County Clerk's records;

Thence N00°15'45''W, on said centerline and parallel to the East line of said tract, for a distance of 481.59 feet to a certain Point "A";

Thence N00°15'45"W, on said centerline and parallel to the East line of said tract, for a distance of 2034.61 feet to a point 5.00 feet South of the North line of said tract;

Thence S89°50'01 "W, on said centerline, for a distance of 282.29 feet to a point 5.00 feet Southeast of the Southeast line of the Right-of-way to the City of Newcastle described in Resolution 23-077;

Thence S77°54'33"W and parallel to said Right-of-way for a distance of 277.02 feet to a point 7.50 feet South of the South line of said Right-of-way at said point said easement becomes Fifteen (15) in width, 7.50 feet each side of the continuation of said centerline;

Thence S89°48'08"W, on said centerline, for a distance of 300.41 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION, said point being on the East Right-of-way line to Highway 62, being 220.07 N89°50'0l''E and 125.50 feet S04°55'03"W from the Northwest Corner of said SW l/4.

An easement in the SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW l/4) OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, written by Timothy G. Pollard, PLS 1474, dated February 21, 2016, using a Deed Bearing of N89°47'20"E between existing monuments at the Southwest and Southeast corners of said SW l/4 as a Basis of Bearing and as shown on Exhibit "B", said easement being Ten (10) feet in width, Five (5) feet each side of a centerline described as:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said SW l/4;

Thence N89°47'20"E, on the South Line of said SW 1/4, for a distance of 878.25 feet;

Thence N00°06'59''W for a distance of 59.67 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said point being on the West line of a tract of land as described in Book 1695 at Page 410 of the McClain County Clerk' s records. Thence N89°49'15''E, on said centerline, for a distance of 184.26 feet to a point 5.00 feet West of the East line of a tract of land described in Book 1695 at Page 410 as filed in the McClain County Clerk's records;

Thence N00°15'45"W, on said centerline and parallel to the East line of said tract, for a distance of 481.59 feet to a certain Point "A";

Thence N00°15'45"W, on said centerline and parallel to the East line of said tract, for a distance of 2034.61 feet to a point 5.00 feet South of the North line of said tract;

Thence S89°50'01"W, on said centerline, for a distance of 282.29 feet to a point 5.00 feet Southeast of the Southeast line of the Right-of-way to the City of Newcastle described in Resolution 23-077;

Thence S77°54'33"W and parallel to said Right-of-way for a distance of 277.02 feet to a point 7.50 feet South of the South line of said Right-of-way at said point said easement becomes Fifteen (15) in width, 7.50 feet each side of the continuation of said centerline;

Thence S89°48'08''W, on said centerline, for a distance of 300.41 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION, said point being on the East Right-of-way line to Highway 62, being 220.07 N89°50'0l"E and 125.50 feet S04°55'03''W from the Northwest Corner of said SW l/4.

AND

An easement in the SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW l/4) OF SECTION TWO (2), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) WEST of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, written by Timothy G. Pollard, PLS 1474, dated February 21, 2016, using a Deed Bearing of N89°47'20"E between existing monuments at the Southwest and Southeast corners of said SW l/4 as a Basis of Bearing and as shown on Exhibit "B", said easement being Ten (10) feet in

width, Five (5) feet each side of a centerline described as: BEGINNING at a certain Point "A", as described above; Thence N89°32'50''W, on said centerline, for a distance of 425.72 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-032
Approving an Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County
In favor of Canyon Creek Energy II, LLC

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Canyon Creek Energy II, LLC., P.O. Box 13647, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, wishes to enter into a three-year Oil and Gas Lease on Land jointly owned in fee by the Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation, under which the lease would be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in "paying quantities," and

WHEREAS, the property being leased to Canyon Creek Energy II, LLC described as: that certain strip or parcel of land reserved from allotment deeds for a railroad right of way for the Canadian Valley and Western Railway, described as: a 100.0 foot wide Branch Line right-of-way, being 50.0 feet wide on each side of said Main Track centerline upon, over and across the E/2 NE/4, E/2 NW/4 NE/4 SE/4, of section 7-Twp. 1N-Rge. 9E, Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 4.79 acres m/l

WHEREAS, for the oil and gas well on such property, Canyon Creek Energy II, LLC shall pay $5.00 per acre per annum, in advance, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1.50 per acre per annum and additional 25% royalty fees of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 6.25% the value of all oil and gas, or other Products, sold, or saved from the leased Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor to sign the proposed Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Canyon Creek Energy II, LLC.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on April 15, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's approving an Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County, Oklahoma, described as:

that certain strip or parcel of land reserved from allotment deeds for a railroad right of way for the Canadian Valley and Western Railway, described as: a 100.0 foot wide Branch Line right-of-way, being 50.0 feet wide on each side of said Main Track centerline upon, over and across the E/2 NE/4, E/2 NW/4 NE/4 SE/4, of section 7-Twp. 1N-Rge. 9E, Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 4.79 acres m/l

Presented by: Land Development Committee

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Form no. 580 Election Commission 6/2005

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Election Filing Period

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has announced filing period opens June 6 and continues through June 8, 2016 for the 2016 General Elections.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office, located in the Government Services building, 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla.

Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Legislative seats to be filled are, Seat 5 of Pontotoc District; Seat 3 of Pickens District; Seat 1 of Panola District; Seat 2 of the Tishomingo District. Seat 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for election this year.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 25 years of age, residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election. Legislators must remain residents of their elected district during the tenure of their office. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are $500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation at least 30 years of age. Judges must be residents of the Chickasaw Nation during their three-year term of office. Filing fees are $500.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period. Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for the Chickasaw Times, and watcher form. Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is July 26 and run-off election is August 30, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 6-8:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 10:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 13:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up print-outs & USB flash drive.

June 13:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times"
(by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)

June 23:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 5:
Voter registration closes.

July 6:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated printouts & USB flash drive.

July 7:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 21:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 26:
2016 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.

July 26:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

July 29:
Recount period ends.

October 3:
(October 1 falls on a Saturday.)
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2016 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 1:
Candidates may pick up print-outs & USB flash drive (after 12:00 p.m.)

August 11:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 25:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 30:
2016 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens

September 2:
Recount period ends.

October 3:
(October 1 falls on a Saturday.)
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Harvard graduate benefitted from Chickasaw education programs

Chickasaw man thankful for tribal support

Chickasaw citizen Matthew Chesnut realized a dream when he graduated from Harvard Business School with a Master of Business Administration degree. The degree was the fruition of many years of dedication and countless hours of study and research. The Chickasaw Nation rewarded him with an honor stole he proudly wore during graduation ceremonies.

"Wearing my Chickasaw stole is one of my favorite memories of my Harvard graduation," Mr. Chesnut said. "Numerous people approached me to tell me how beautiful it was, and asked what it represented. It was a nice moment for me to explain that I was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, that the tribe gave this (stole) to me to honor me during the ceremony. I am so proud to be Chickasaw, and was proud to wear the stole to honor my heritage."

Mr. Chesnut came a long way from his small town upbringing to attend the famed Ivy League school. Now, he brings his education and business background with him to his role as senior new business development and private markets investments manager for the Chickasaw Nation.

Raised in Miami in northeastern Oklahoma, Mr. Chesnut is proud of his hometown.

"Miami a unique little place," he said. "It has great civic spirit. Miami has a rich history, which my dad and mom continue to share with me. Growing up in Miami taught me the value of community. Community locates you, orients you. It provides the horizon of significance for one's life."

His sense of community extends to his tribe.

"I'm thankful I was able to come back after Harvard and work for a community – the Chickasaw Nation - that has meant so much to my family."

The oldest of four children, Mr. Chesnut chose to attend the University of Arkansas for his undergraduate degree. He has a family legacy at the university and the cost was reasonable.

"It was important to me that I go to a college that was affordable," Mr. Chesnut said. "Additionally, my grandfather would take my dad to Arkansas football games. My mom's dad went to law school at the university. Being the firstborn of four children, I was fortunate that the university offered me a full academic scholarship."

Matt Chesnut is joined by members of his family during graduation ceremonies at Harvard University School of Business. Graduating in 2014 with a Master of Business Administration, Mr. Chesnut now works for the Chickasaw Nation. Pictured from left, Chuck Chesnut, father, Matthew Chesnut, Chesna Chesnut, wife, Shirley Chesnut, mother, and Michael Chesnut, brother.

In addition to the scholarship, he was also able access to additional supplementary educational programs offered by the tribe to offset associated costs.

"I was a beneficiary of the tribal clothing stipend, general tuition reimbursement and text books," Mr. Chesnut said. "These helped cover incidentals associated with some of my courses, text books and other supplementary items. These scholarships were instrumentally valuable, making Harvard more affordable."

At the time, he did not realize his choice to attend the University of Arkansas would be the stepping stone to attend one of the most prestigious and renowned business schools in the world.

"While working at Bank of Oklahoma-Fayetteville, I had the good fortune to listen to George Kaiser, Chairman of BOK (Bank of Oklahoma), speak," Mr. Chesnut said. "He planted the seed in my mind that it was possible to go to Harvard. Growing up in Miami, Harvard was like a mythical place you can't even imagine attending. To hear another person from Oklahoma go there and then having it be so impactful in his life made me think, 'Well, maybe I can go there as well.'"

Mr. Chesnut's family was excited when he was accepted into Harvard's School of Business. His wife was overjoyed, and he distinctly remembers his mother-in-law crying when he received the news. The day he was accepted, he called his grandmother.

She put his success into perspective for him in a way that only his "Grammy" could.

"When I told my Grammy that I got into Harvard, she thought it was really great," he said. "She also thought it was a school in New York City (Harvard is in Cambridge, Mass.). I thought 'way to bring me down a peg.' She told me I had to come right back home when I was finished. She was worried the 'Yankees' might have a negative impact on my manners."

Mr. Chesnut is now the senior new business development and private investments manager for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce. He evaluates new business opportunities for the tribe, generally nongaming opportunities. The goal is to discover quality investments and diversify the tribe's commercial portfolio.

"I jumped at the opportunity to work for the Chickasaw Nation," Mr. Chesnut said. "A good occupation is one where you can have autonomy, where you can master a valuable skill, where the mission is infused with a deeper purpose. My job has all of those."

Mr. Chesnut brings both academic knowledge and real-world experience to the Chickasaw Nation. He was employed by Bank of Oklahoma-Fayetteville and then Helen of Troy - a global consumer product company - before attending Harvard.

While at Harvard, he completed an internship with Dan Boren, President of Corporate Development within the Chickasaw Nation.

"I had learned about the unique things the Department of Commerce was doing in non-gaming activities during my first year at Harvard," Mr. Chesnut said. "I thought it would be interesting to get involved. It was a goal of mine to find a way to work for the tribe."

Mr. Chesnut is pleased his education and experience have led him to his current position. He is able to give back to the tribe and Oklahoma.

"I like that I am able to work with the leadership (within the Chickasaw Nation)," he said. "The leadership has been so supportive, and that starts with the vision Gov. Bill Anoatubby has instilled and championed. All of them lead via servant leadership."

The Chesnut family has always been aware of issues impacting the Native American community.

"My mother, who is Chickasaw, was an IHS (Indian Health Service) physician for many years," he said. "She worked at the Indian clinic in Miami. We were always aware of native issues. Even though Chickasaws weren't prevalent in the area, we were aware of the Native American community."

With his busy workload, Mr. Chesnut still finds time to give back to his community. He serves as a board member of the Central Oklahoma Humane Society, and was recently elected to Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees.

"I will be chair of the committee that oversees the endowment that funds scholarship," Mr. Chesnut said. "We will review the investments made by the endowment, make sure they are performing well, so that they we will be able to fund scholarships for years to come."

Serving on the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, he said, was a deeply rewarding experience.

"It gives me a great feeling of competence that others think I have a gift that is worthwhile and valuable," Mr. Chesnut said. "There is a self-respect that comes from that, that I'm able to contribute to the greater good on behalf of others."

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Chickasaw kids get physical at OSU Nike N7 Day

STILLWATER, Okla. - More than 35 Chickasaw students in grades three through eight attended OSU Nike N7 Movement Field Day at Boone Pickens Stadium March 31.

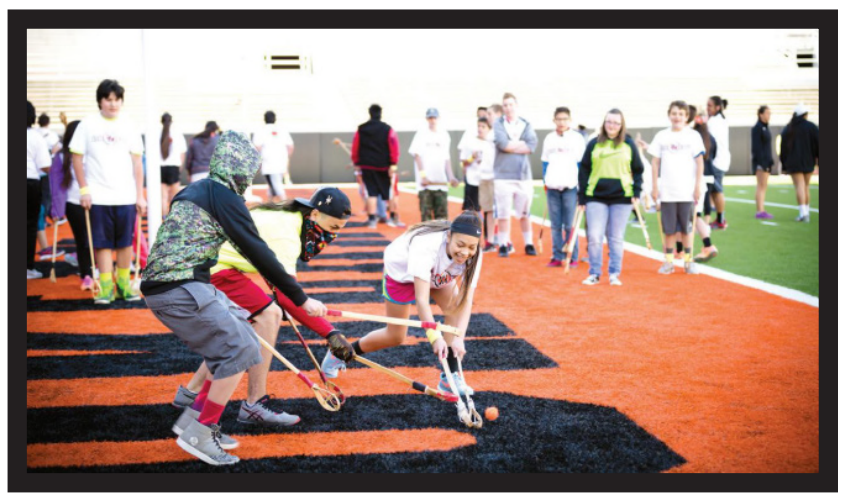
The OSU Nike N7 Movement Field Day incorporates culture, education, nutrition and fitness by creating early positive experiences in sports and physical activity for Native American youth.

Groups of children cycled through the stations while OSU athletes assisted students along the way. The kids enjoyed soccer, football, track, tennis and basketball.

Cultural activities incorporating fitness, including stickball and traditional dances, were also available.

"It has been a unique and rewarding experience partnering with universities," Chickasaw Nation Youth Activities Director Tonya Bierce said. "The Nike N7 Movement is a way we can combine education, physical fitness, culture and nutrition into a fun event students can enjoy."

Sprinting across the field, Chickasaw kids enjoy OSU Nike N7 Youth Movement Field Day.



Chickasaw youth practicing their stickball handling skills.

In addition to physical activities, the students experienced a bit of university life by walking around campus, going inside the football stadium and visiting the athletic training centers. Students also talked and networked with college-age students and athletes.

Masheli Billy, a Chickasaw OSU student and member of the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations, played a Chickasaw hymn on a traditional flute. Triana Browne-Hearrel, a Chickasaw and 2016 Miss Oklahoma State University and OSU athlete spoke to the students about the importance of pursuing a healthy lifestyle.

"We need to introduce them to not only a college environment but to introduce them to a college environment while integrating them with our culture as well," Mr. Billy said.

For more information about the Nike N7 Movement, please visit www.n7fund.com.

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Triana Browne-Hearrel, Miss OSU 2016 and OSU student, teaching children the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

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Mary June Leake

Mary June Leake, 89, went to be with the Lord Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Wilson N. Jones Hospital. June was born on October 26, 1926 to Houston O. and Mary Annetta Collins Dickinson.

Out of the five children, she was one of two that was born on her mother's Chickasaw allotment land in Ninnekah, Okla. June was very proud of her Native American heritage and sought to instill respect for native and tribal traditions to her children. Her daughter, Beth Alexander, currently serves as a Chickasaw legislator.

In 1950, she married her sweetheart, Donald A. Leake, and moved to Peoria, Ill. There he was employed by Caterpillar Tractor Company to play basketball with the Caterpillar Diesels in the Amateur Athletic Union. After a move to Dallas, Texas in 1962, June raised a growing family, and later assisted her husband when he opened his own insurance agency.

In 1972, the family moved to Sherman and bought the Roto-Rooter Sewer and Drain Cleaning franchise for Grayson and surrounding counties. After serving the community for 35 years, they sold the company to their son, Matthew.

Besides her relationship to Jesus Christ, one of June's greatest joys was her family. She loved the many occasions when all of the large extended family would gather. She often commented how blessed she was to have such a close relationship to her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her four children, Jeffrey Leake, of Sherman, Matthew Leake, of Denison, Becky Clayton, of Tyler, and Beth Alexander, of Achille, Okla.; and nine grandchildren, Josh and Will Alexander, Heath, Ben, Jared and Laura Clayton, Dan and Nathan Leake, and Oliva Nelson. She is also proud of her six great grandchildren, Ever Grace and Harlow Alexander, Joseph, Silas, and Samuel Nelson, and Gabriel Alexander.

Services were Sunday, April 17, at the Waldo Funeral Home in Sherman. Officiating was Ken Howerton of Oklahoma City. Burial folowed at Akers Cemetery. The pallbearers were her seven grandsons.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Mike Benson and the staff of Wilson N. Jones for the loving care they provided both of their parents.

Merle 'Meme' Irene McLaughlin

Merle (Meme) Irene McLaughlin, 95, passed away March 24, 2016 in Dallas, Texas. She was born February 14, 1921 in Tishomingo, Okla., to Sara and Luther Hilton. Merle lived 60 years in Oklahoma City with her beloved late husband, Ross, until his death in July 2005.

She was a member of the international sorority Beta Sigma Phi and served in many leadership roles. She was a member of Women of Moose and was an officer of the Oklahoma City chapter and was selected to attend the national conference in Chicago. She loved cooking, sewing, and playing bridge with her dear friends, until she was diagnosed with Dementia in 2010. She moved to Dallas, Texas to be near her daughter until her death.

Merle was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw nation and supported the many women in Tishomingo by providing them with food and clothing that she took to the facility on a monthly basis. She was loved by many friends for her kindness and wonderful cooking that she shared with everyone. Even in the last years of her life she made friends, and will be missed everyday for her sweet smile.

She is survived by her only daughter, Suzanne Chaltas; son-in-law, Steve Chaltas; two grandchildren, Isabel Chaltas, 21, a Senior at Colorado School of Minds, and Cooper Chaltas, 19, a Freshman at the University of Colorado in Boulder; and sisters, Jewel Bonner and her husband, Jim, of San Diego, Calif., and Maudie Long, of Carson City, Nev.

She was buried in Tishomingo, Okla.

We miss you Meme!

Mamie Lee Stubblefield Painter

Mamie Lee Stubblefield Painter, 90, died Saturday morning, April 9, 2016 in Oklahoma City. She was born May 1, 1925 in Kingston, Okla., to Morine Ward and Wesley Stubblefield.

She was a long time OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council member and a member of the OKC Chickasaw Elders. She graduated from Dickson High School. Her family owned property in Madill, Okla. before township was established.

She was descended from grandparents, Houston (full blood Chickasaw) and Franston Ward, great-grandmother, Anahyah Polmishtubby (who survived the Removal from Mississippi to Indian Territory), great-great-grandmother, Melissa Anahyah Mishtubby, and great-great-great-grandfather, Ahuasl Mishtubby.

She was predeceased by her parents, Morine Ward and Wesley Stubblefield; son, Dale Robinson; husbands; sister, Mary Dobson; and great-granddaughter, Samantha Zachary.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda Zachary, Charlene (and Richard) Seaborn, and Terrie Gilstrap; two sisters, Kay (and Charles) Eddington, and Wanda Littleton; and her brother, Howard Beggs. Survivors also include five grandchildren, Michael Zachary, Robert Zachary, Monty Seaborn, Kerrie Seaborn Barrow, and Kellie Jackson; and four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her closed casket funeral was Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Sunnylane Cemetery Chapel located at S.E. 29th Street and South Sunnylane Road.

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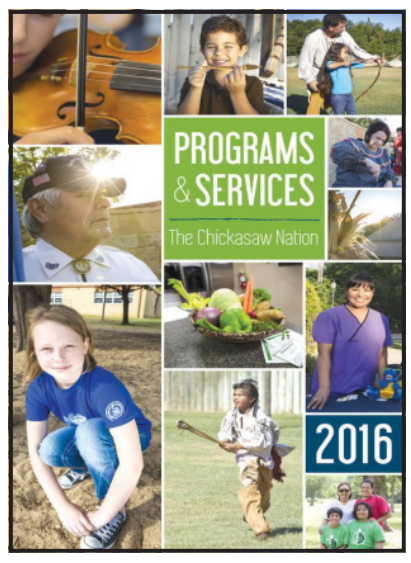

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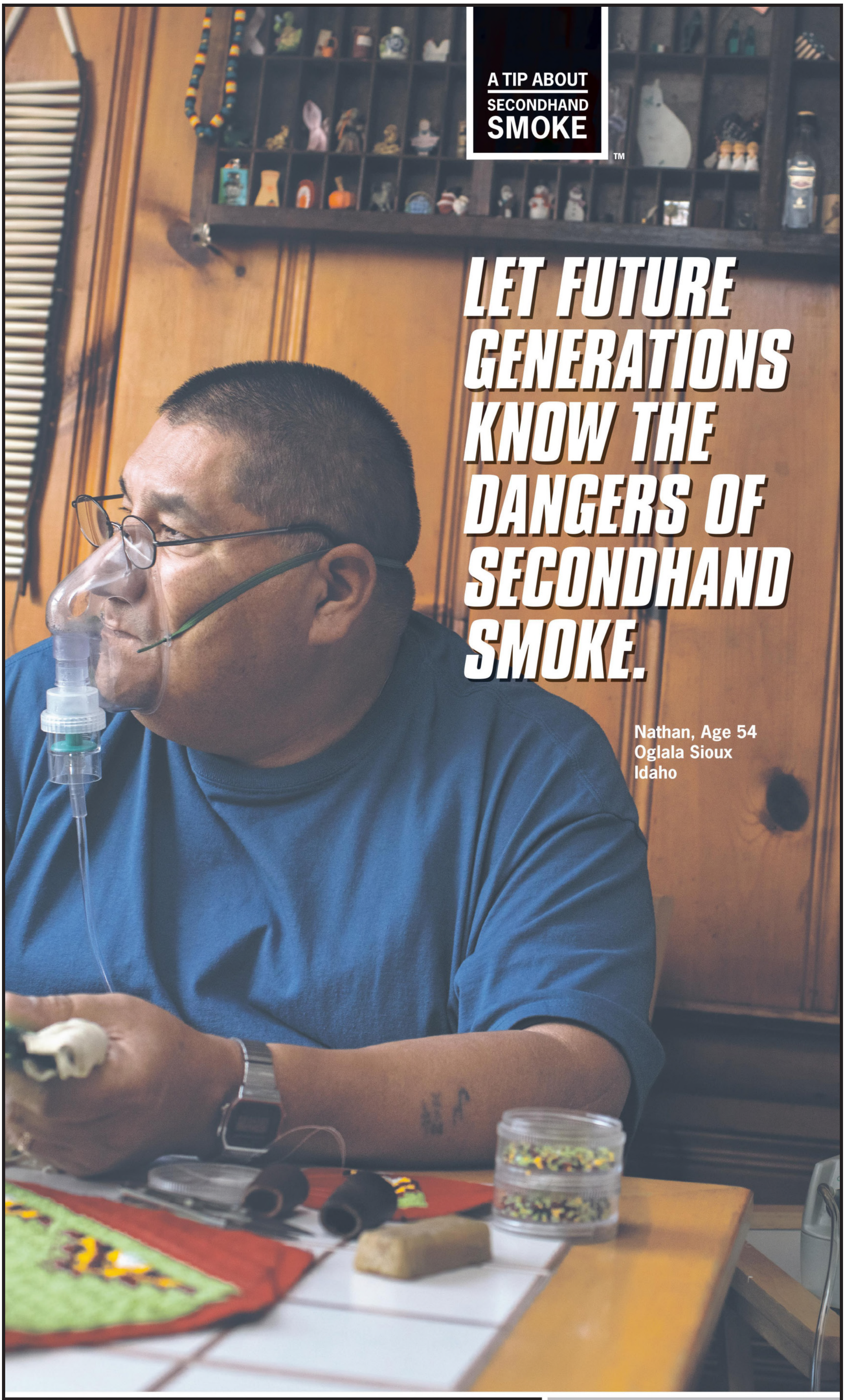

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